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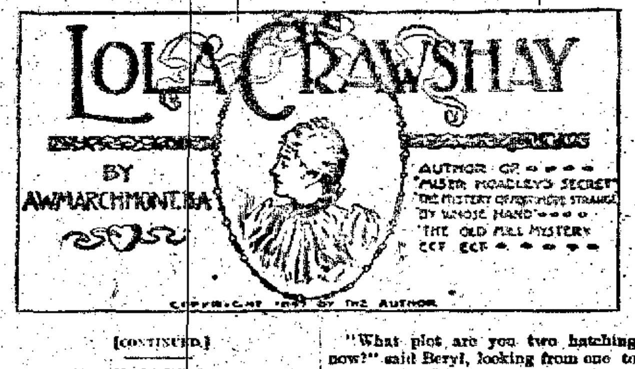

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CHAPTER II.

LADY WALCOTE INTERVENES.

Sir Jaffray was still on the veranda, smoking and day dreaming, after his interview with Lola, when Mrs. De Witt and her cousin Beryl returned to the hotel from the walk on which he ought to have accompanied them, and the former surprised him on the balcony and before he could escape. Her shrewd instincts scented mischief.

"By yourself, Magog?" she said. She generally had a pet name for her male intimates as a sort of compromise between the Christian and surnames. This was chosen in reference to the baronet's great size and strength. "I thought some one was with you—Mrs. Villyers, of course"—this dryly—"and had perhaps stopped your coming with us."

"No; I think she's in her rooms somewhere," he answered, looking at her.

"She's a sweet old lady, I think, for an innocent, and I certainly do think she's the most innocent growth I ever met—for a woman. She's so fond of dear Lola too. I wonder where she is. They're the sweetest pair I know."

"I think no end of Mrs. Villyers," said Sir Jaffray.

"Of course; we all do. She's such an obliging soul, too—coming all this way from her comfortable home, and just to please Lola. I hope I shall be as good to my young people when I'm her age."

"One can't think of you as ever being her age," he answered, smiling.

"You don't seem to think of me even as I am, judging by this afternoon," was the retort, prompted by jealousy and helped with a flash of her brown eyes.

But Sir Jaffray wasn't looking at her and missed this, and his answer was lamentably commonplace.

"That's all you know."

"Why didn't you come this afternoon, then, as you said you would? You know very well that under the circumstances Beryl at any rate had a right to expect you."

"Yes, perhaps she had. I'm afraid so. I'm sorry." His companion's words had reminded him of what Lola had said, and he felt uneasy.

"Afraid so! You are not generally more afraid to do what you ought to do than what you ought not." This was said rather sharply. "Why didn't you come?"

"Beryl had you, and you had Beryl," he answered with provoking slowness.

"And you had?"

"Myself, of course," he returned, getting up.

She got up, too, and stood in his way.

"I don't see why you should want to hide what you've been doing."

"That would be difficult from your sharp eyes, wouldn't it?" And he smiled down at her good humoredly.

"Why don't you tell me all about it, then?"

"There's so little in 'it,' you know. Only two letters—I and another."

"I see. You would rather I learned it from the other, then. I can ask her."

"I never said there was anything to ask, please."

"Do you know that Beryl has had letters from the manor?" asked Mrs. De Witt, changing her line suddenly, irritated at his fencing with her.

"How can I? I haven't seen her since they came."

"Your mother has written to her." This was said as though with special significance.

"The dear mother! She has the best heart in the world," he replied.

"But she doesn't like the second letter of that little 'it.'" And she sought his eyes with a challenge in her own.

"If she has a fault, I am afraid she's too fond of the first letter. I've had my own way all my life," he answered, returning her look and smiling.

She made a pretty gesture of irritation.

"You're more than provoking today, Magog. At one time you didn't keep secrets from me."

"There are some secrets that are not worth keeping from any one, little woman," he replied. Then he changed his manner and tone completely, and laying a hand on her shoulder said earnestly and kindly: "Don't worry; wait. I'm only fencing."

"I know that, you great—boy," she answered. "But I want to know more."

"All right; I understand. Well, Beryl," he said, breaking off in a different tone, as his cousin came out and joined them, "I hear you have letters from home."

The girl started slightly at this, and her usually calm and rather cold features flushed somewhat, as if the words had some embarrassing reference known to herself.

"Yes, I have had one from the mother." The two always spoke of Lady Walcote as "the mother," Beryl being motherless.

"Is anything up at the manor?" he asked, noticing her concern.

"No. Everything is just as it was when we left a week ago. The mother has not been very well; worried, she says. She asks me to give you this letter." The tint on her cheeks deepened somewhat as she held out to him a letter and met his eyes, looking at her with direct and rather searching inquiry.

While he opened the envelope, Beryl turned to Mrs. De Witt.

"Do you know the news? Mrs. Villyers is going home—tonight, I think, or first thing tomorrow."

"No, I hadn't heard it," answered Mrs. De Witt, looking with a keen, quick glance at the baronet and surprised to see him start and flush and then, with an effort, recover his self possession.

"The dear mother!" he exclaimed, folding up the letter, with a care and precision which to the keen eyes watching him were overdone. "She is the very best soul in the world. What is that about Mrs. Villyers? Going home? That is a coincidence. I am going home tonight. We must travel together if that can be arranged."

"Good," exclaimed Mrs. De Witt; "very good and very natural. Magog, you have inherited all your mother's goodness of heart and have developed with it all your own powers of acting. This little surprise visit of yours will give her such delight. She loves to have you with her, talking over all your plans with the [illegible] innocence of childhood, and [illegible] travel with [illegible] Mrs. Villyers."

A [illegible] passed over Sir Jaffray's face.

"You are a keen thought reader," he said.

"What plot are you two hatching now?" said Beryl, looking from one to the other. "I hoped you were going to stay," she began to Sir Jaffray, but then checked herself.

"I had intended to stop, Beryl," he said, looking at her steadily, "but I am compelled to go home to see the mother after this letter," holding it up. "If you wish it, of course, I'll come back. You know I always like to do what you wish if possible. The mother knows that too."

Beryl so rarely showed her feelings that the deep scarlet blush which now rushed over her face, coloring it a vivid red from the roots of her rich brown hair downward as she rose and made an excuse and went indoors hastily, surprised both her companions, and especially Mrs. De Witt, who did not see anything in the baronet's words to cause it and did not understand the reference in them.

"Where are we all this afternoon, Magog?" she asked in perplexity.

"Where we were not last week and shall not be tomorrow," he answered sententiously and with a smile.

"Are you turning sphinx?" she asked, a little irritably.

"No, I'm only the soothsayer, waiting to see what I ought to say and acting on instructions." And with that he went into the house.

"If I don't read that very clever Miss Lola's hand in this, may I never flirt again!" exclaimed Mrs. De Witt to herself as soon as she was left alone. "But I'll find out from her what passed this afternoon, if I have to ask the question point blank."

Meanwhile Sir Jaffrey had gone to read over again and answer the letter from his mother, and he ensconced himself in a corner of the smoking room.

"I wish she hadn't gone so soon," he said—he wasn't thinking of his mother then, however. "It makes it look as if I was following her; but, by Jove, it can't be that—it can't be that; she's in earnest and means to part altogether." The bare thought of this filled him with a feverish fear. "Wish I'd knocked this business about Beryl on the head before I spoke. Poor little girl"—this was Beryl—"I wish I'd never—but what's the good of wishing? I never had a ghost of an idea that I'd got such passion in me till I met Lola. Beryl's a good sort, but it's no use to think of that now. I couldn't marry her feeling as I do. I wish—oh, what an infernal nuisance it is when your people set to work matchmaking! And one's so helpless—worse than if there was a regular understanding. I could go to her then and not with the truth, but I can't as it is without posturing as conceited ass enough to assume that she's in love with me. I hope it hasn't gone so far as that. I wish I'd never—gad, I hope she won't feel as I should feel if things went wrong now with Lola. Wonder why the mother is so down on her. She oughtn't to have written such a letter as this. She wouldn't if she'd known. She'll be all right when she does know. Let me read it again quietly and without that sharp little devil's eyes boring holes in my skull. She's a little demon."

And with this complimentary shaft at Mrs. De Witt he took his mother's letter out of the envelope and read it again:

MY DEAREST JAFFRAY—You are a good son and will not, I know, have forgotten the subject of our last conversation. I write to refer to it because I hear, very much to my sorrow—not that I am surprised, though—that Miss Crawshay has so timed her visit to Torquay as to be there with you all. You may and probably will see nothing in this but a coincidence unless you unfortunately find it a pleasure, but I can look at it with very different eyes. You think you know women in general and Miss Crawshay in particular. Men are always making that silly mistake, but it takes a woman to know a woman, and I have not lived 60 years in the world for nothing, and I have not so blunted my instincts as not to be able to read my own sex. I have warned you to beware of Lola Crawshay. She is not at all what she appears. She comes of a rank, bad stock, and she promises to do credit to her training. Her father, as you know, was one of the worst and most unscrupulous of men, and, as for her mother, she was some woman from southern Europe whom the man picked up in some of his disreputable wanderings. The girl herself has completely befooled her stupid old aunt by flattering her ridiculous vanities and playing on her silly fads, just as she has fooled nearly every one who has come near her. She is, of course, a beautiful creature. So is a rattlesnake, and both are about equally harmless. She can fool every man on whom she pleases to use her eyes, because she is beautiful, and no man could ever yet understand a beautiful woman without marrying her. If you want to know the value of beauty, ask men who have lovely wives, or girls who have lovely mothers. I urge you, then, Jaffray, not to take this beautiful, dangerous creature on trust. I do not know how far you have gone with her. I am sad at heart when I think that you are in love with her, but I sicken with fear at the thought of your ever making her your wife.

Remember also that you are really bound in honor to another woman. Your father wished that you should marry your cousin Beryl. Her father desires it above all things, and you know that it is the dearest wish of my heart. More than this, you have acted up to now as if you meant to marry Beryl, and in that way you have won her heart. Beryl loves you with her whole heart, Jaffray, and you have led her so to do. I know this well enough, and she is the truest and purest of good women. I have often talked with her about the time when she would be your wife, and I have now written to her a letter telling her much of what I have said here, and that I look on you as already pledged to marry her, and I have asked her to give you this letter, knowing its contents and my wishes.

I am acting in your real interests, my son, and in that cause I do not hesitate to take a very unusual step. Your loving mother,

GWENDOLIN WALCOTE.

Sir Jaffray had broken out several times with short, sharp exclamations while reading the letter, but when he had finished he sat four or five minutes in close thought. Then he wrote his reply:

MY DEAREST MOTHER—It will be bitter to me to disappoint you and more than bitter if you cannot receive with love the only woman in the world I can possibly marry—Lola Crawshay. Were she as black as you paint her I would choose no other woman for my wife. It is too late to alter my choice. I am coming home tomorrow to see you about it. Your loving son,

JAFFRAY.

"It is better she should know right off," he muttered as he folded the letter and addressed and stamped the envelope. "She knows I don't alter easily, and it will pave the way for our talk."

He strolled out of the hotel to smoke and think.

It was the crisis of his life, but he faced it, like all things, resolutely and boldly, looking the difficulties full in the face, making his decision firmly and holding to it with the tenacity of his race.

Two things he regretted deeply—his mother's groundless prejudice against Lola and the complication about Beryl—[illegible] of [illegible] as a [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] wish of others that he should marry her, and he had acquiesced in the plan because no one else had ever touched his heart. He had liked her in the calm, unruffled way in which her nature had appealed to him and had always admired her.

But he felt now as if there had never been a thought of love toward her in all his heart.

Now his feelings were a mixture of fear and hope—fear lest his mother was right and lest Beryl might feel something of that desolation and misery which the thought of losing Lola suggested to him and hope that his mother was wrong. Beryl was so true and genuine a soul, had been such a stanch friend and dear companion in the past and had taken such a strong interest in all that concerned him that he was profoundly grieved at the thought of bringing sorrow to her.

He wished, indeed, that he could have laid the whole thing before her as he had often done with other and lesser puzzles and just have talked it out quietly like friends.

He missed the help which the girl had often been to him, and he was thinking of this as he sauntered on to the veranda at the end of his stroll and saw her sitting there alone, just in the corner and in the chair where Lola had sat in the afternoon.

He went to her and sat down in one of the creaky basket chairs near her.

"Well, walking about to think, Jaffray," she said pleasantly, "after the old habits?"

"Yes. I was thinking about my going off tomorrow. I'm going to see the mother, you know."

"I thought so from what you said today," replied Beryl quite calmly. "What train do you go by? Shall you come back?"

This commonplace way of meeting what he had meant as an advance rather disconcerted him, and he answered tamely:

"I haven't fixed the time yet," adding after a short, uncomfortable pause, "I'll come back if you wish, you know."

But at that he blamed himself lest she should misunderstand him.

The girl laughed softly, but quite without sign of restraint. She was an excellent actress too.

"You don't seem to know your own mind very clearly; not like you."

"Some people seem to think I know it too clearly," he answered, thinking of his mother's letter.

"Oh, people often make blunders trying to guess one's wishes, I think."

He thought he could detect a little nervous ring in her voice, suggesting an undercurrent meaning, but before he could say anything she added:

"Of course you'll just do as you like about coming back."

"Do you mean you want to release me from my promise to stay a fortnight here?"

"I don't remember any direct promise, Jaffray," she answered with the same slight unsteadiness of tone. "But even if there had been a direct promise I shouldn't want to hold you to it—never." This word she spoke with emphasis, but added directly in a lighter tone, "Nor would Mrs. De Witt, I'm sure."

"Do I understand you, Beryl"—

"Who's that taking my name in vain? Beryl, I thought you knew me better than to believe it possible for any soul on earth to say what I would or would not do five minutes before I did it. I hope I'm not so commonplace as that yet." Mrs. De Witt laughed, not quite pleasantly, as she joined the two.

The interruption irritated Sir Jaffray greatly. It had come just at a point when the interview seemed working right round to an understanding.

"I was only telling Jaffray that I was sure you would not hold him to any pledge to come and finish the time of his promised stay here."

"Indeed, but I would, and I will and do. And if he doesn't come it'll be the worse for him and everybody," she said, with significant emphasis. "In the first place I want some explanation of his going away at all."

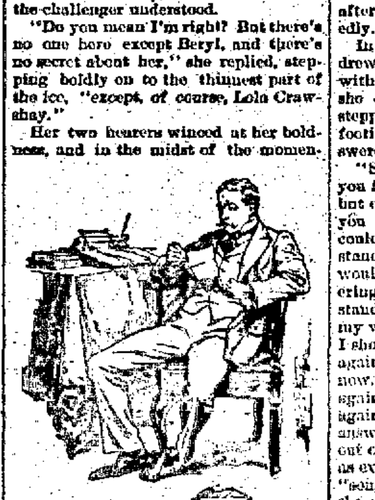
"Urgent private affairs is the usual plea in the service."

"Covering anything from a racket in town to a secret love affair," said Mrs. De Witt, with a challenge in her eyes and manner. "And I'm sure that can't be your case, Magog."

"You're a very shrewd guesser," returned Sir Jaffray, with a look which the challenger understood.

"Do you mean I'm right? But there's no one here except Beryl, and there's no secret about her," she replied, stepping boldly on to the thinnest part of the ice, "except, of course, Lola Crawshay."

Her two hearers winced at her boldness, and in the midst of the momentary pause which followed a smooth voice was heard.



He sat four or five minutes in close thought.

"Dinner is served, if you please."

"For which relief much thanks, eh, Magog?" laughed Mrs. De Witt. "But it's only a respite, understand, and I'm too hungry to go any further now."

With this they all went into the hotel, the baronet hurrying away to change.

CHAPTER III.

LOLA'S VICTORY.

"Isn't Mrs. Villyers coming, Lola?" asked Mrs. De Witt, as the three ladies sat alone, waiting for Sir Jaffray, Lola having joined them at the table.

"No, dear; she has a headache," answered Lola.

"Wants to avoid being questioned about her change of plan and sudden departure, I suppose," was the reply.

"Very likely," said Lola calmly. "I never knew any one who shrunk from a certain kind of curiosity more than she does."

"Yes, she's a sweet tempered woman. She's so—what's that word you use sometimes, Beryl?—so altruistic. That means helping others out of a ditch and keeping your lips closed, doesn't it?"

"Not quite," returned Beryl.

"Well, it's very convenient now at any rate," said Mrs. De Witt. "I'm dreadfully sorry she can't come, for I'm positively curious about the reasons for your scampering off in this way, Lola, and [illegible] at the time Magog's off [illegible] [illegible] following the other. I hope Mrs. Villyers has not [illegible] that very stiff and proper [illegible] of hers at him and is running away from defeat."

"I hope not, indeed," returned Lola, with earnest innocence quite equal to Mrs. De Witt's. "She is the best of good creatures, and a love disappointment of the kind is the last thing she deserves. She has said nothing to me about it, but then, of course, she couldn't, could she?" And Lola turned her large, lustrous eyes upon Mrs. De Witt with an expression of real concern in them.

"No, I don't think either of you'd exchange confidences on such a subject," said Mrs. De Witt dryly, but smiling very sweetly.

Beryl was amused despite the undercurrent of interest there was in the dialogue for her, and she smiled.

"I don't think it's very probable," she said.

"Well, if any one ought to know you or I should, Beryl. You've had all the confidences of his first boyhood and I most of those of his manhood."

"The shortest plan is to ask him himself," replied Lola. "Here he is. Sir Jaffray," she said to the baronet as soon as he had taken his seat at the table, "we are puzzled. The dear little woman can't understand why you are leaving Torquay suddenly. I did not know you were leaving till she told me, you know, and she wants badly to know why you are going. Will you tell us?"

There was not a gesture or expression in her face or manner to suggest that she could know anything about it. Her attitude toward him was precisely what it had always been, and her perfect self command and composure pleased him. He took his cue from her readily. He smiled as he answered:

"Is she asking again? Just now on the balcony out there she wanted to suggest that it was something about you, Miss Crawshay."

Lola laughed a soft, low, sweet laugh that made the men who were at the tables within earshot look up and turn round and feel suddenly interested in the doings of the group which contained three such pretty women and the distinguished looking man.

Mrs. De Witt and Beryl were both perplexed by the conduct of the other two, and the former glanced quickly up to the faces of them both as if to find there an explanation, but she found nothing.

"In here she hinted, as I think very unkindly, that there was some lovemaking at the bottom of it, and that you were running away either with or from Mrs. Villyers—I didn't make out which. I suppose that's not so?"

Mrs. De Witt looked up quickly, expecting to intercept a glance of understanding between Lola and Sir Jaffray, but she was disappointed.

"No, indeed not," returned Sir Jaffray.

"Lola, I think you're one of the most daring girls I ever knew," said Mrs. De Witt suddenly. "You've a Balaklava pluck. You dash right in under the hottest fire and try to spike the guns which are shelling you right and left."

"Not left, dear," returned Lola, who was sitting at one side of the small table alone with Mrs. De Witt on her right hand at the bottom and Mrs. Villyers' empty place between her and Sir Jaffray, who was at the head. She pointed to the vacant place with a sweep of the hand, which included also the baronet, and laughed.

Mrs. De Witt understood her, and, a fresh course coming at that moment, Beryl took advantage of the interruption to change the conversation and lead it away to matters which were not charged with personal references.

When they rose from the table, Mrs. De Witt purposely linked her arm in Lola's, and, walking with her into the drawing room, returned to the attack.

"What passed between you and Sir Jaffray this afternoon, Lola, on the veranda?" she asked.

"My dear, there was nothing passed between us. There was nothing to pass. We were alone."

"Your repartee is conveniently active tonight, dear. You know what I mean. What did he say? What happened? What was the result of the interview?"

"The dead ashes of a burned out fire and—a good deal of cigar smoke," she answered with mock seriousness and laughing eyes.

Mrs. De Witt bit her lip.

"You mean you won't tell me, Lola?" she said irritably.

"My dear, I'll tell you everything you ask me. You know I've no secrets from you, even about our own smoke. What do you want to know?"

"Did Sir Jaffray propose to you this afternoon?" asked her companion pointedly.

In a moment the girl changed. She drew her arm out of her friend's and with a manner which suggested that she considered the question had overstepped the bounds of even the friendly footing on which they were she answered:

"Surely you forget. Sir Jaffray, as you have yourself told me often, is all but engaged to marry his cousin. Do you know him so little as to think he could fool with me under those circumstances, or me so little as to think I would let him? You've been wool gathering, my dear, tonight. Now I understand what you meant at dinner. On my word I hope Sir Jaffray didn't, or I should never look him in the face again. But I must go to Mrs. Villyers now. Good night. I shan't come down again, and goodby if I don't see you again." And before Mrs. De Witt could answer Lola had kissed her and slipped out of the room, leaving her as puzzled as ever, but yet certain that there was "something in it" and angry because she could not find it out.

In the early afternoon of the following day Sir Jaffray arrived at Walcote. His mother had been looking forward with a little apprehension to the interview with him, knowing as she did his great tenacity of purpose. She held so strong a conviction that a marriage with Lola would mean ultimate disaster, however, that she was resolved to struggle against it to the end.

But she could make no impression on Sir Jaffray's resolute determination.

"I will marry no one else," was the burden of his case, and nothing else she could say or plead would alter him.

"Mother, I have come not to hold out any prospect to you that your wishes can prevail in this," he said, toward the close of the interview. "I am sorry that you hold the opinion you do, and I have listened carefully to all you have said, but you have not changed me one jot or tittle. A man must choose his wife for himself. So it has been since the world was young, and so it always will be. What I have come to you to do is to tell you that the complication in regard to my cousin Beryl, which you and others have caused, however unwittingly, and until now with my unfortunate help, you and others are in duty bound to remove. Only yesterday with your letters to Beryl and me you increased that complication, though, mind you, I don't believe Beryl does care for me as you think or would wish."

"You are pledged to her, Jaffray," said Lady Walcote.

"No, I am not pledged. I have acquiesced in a mistaken course while I did not know my own feelings. That is all. I have never breathed a syllable to her which could suggest that I loved her or that I wished her to be my wife. You must see her and explain matters."

"Why?"

"Because Miss Crawshay will not hear a word from me while other people couple my name with Beryl's. She is acting as an honorable girl, of course, in this."

"Yes, acting," returned Lady Walcote dryly. "She would be no Crawshay if she could not do that. She knows her power over you. She has infatuated you, Jaffray."

"Mother, I have never in my life consciously allowed an unkind thought to find a lodging in my mind," said Sir Jaffray very earnestly. "Don't say what will leave a sting behind it. I can't hear things against the woman I am going to marry. Try to reconcile yourself to this. Try to see that you are prejudiced, that you have no cause to dislike Lola except that she has come between you and a plan which you have cherished. That is now impossible. It would be the foulest treachery and cowardice for me to marry Beryl feeling as I do toward Lola, and you know how bitterly she herself would resent it. Can't you do this for me? You have done so much. Help me now to the happiness of a life time."

He stood looking down at her and then stooped and kissed her.

She sat silent for a minute and then asked:

"Where is Miss Crawshay?"

"With Mr. Villyers at Mosscombe."

"I will go and see her first and then tell you my decision." And with that the interview closed.

Lady Walcote lost no time in carrying out her proposal, and, ordering her carriage, she drove over at once to Mosscombe.

When Lola heard that Sir Jaffray's mother was waiting to see her, she felt that there must be a trial of wits between them, but, conscious of her hold over the baronet, she was confident of the issue.

"My visit will be a surprise to you, Miss Crawshay," said Lady Walcote as soon as Lola entered the room. "I have seen Jaffray today."

"It is an honor at any rate, Lady Walcote," was the reply, calmly spoken.

"When we parted last time," said the old lady, "we were not fortunate in choosing topics which allowed of our agreeing very well. I trust we shall be better friends now."

"I hope so earnestly," replied the girl, "and with that object we had better not touch on the same subjects, had we? I am very jealous of my father's good name. He was to me both father and mother."

The old lady looked piercingly at Lola as she spoke, trying to detect any signs of artifice.

"I knew your father long ago," she replied, "and I cannot but know what his family thought of him. I do not want to say things to pain you, but this is not a moment for keeping silence for the sake of avoiding delicate subjects. My son desires you to be his wife, and, as his mother, I wish to know many things."

She paused as if to await an expression of Lola's willingness to tell her what she wished to know, but the girl made no sign.

"Do you object to my asking you some questions?"

"I think you should ask them of Mrs. Villyers," answered Lola cleverly. "I have talked very freely with her. If you think she is capable of introducing from her house any one about whom you have these qualms, is this not an interview at which she should be present?"

"No, I am not doubting her belief."

"Then you doubt my statements to her? Is that it? I think, Lady Walcote, we shall be wiser to keep off topics of the kind. Stay one moment. Let us put the matter plainly. Your son has asked me to marry him, and I have refused. I have told him that I will not be his wife, that I will not allow him even to put such a question to me, and that I hold it for an insult so long as he remains bound, directly or implicitly, to his cousin and my friend, Beryl Leycester."

"He told me that, but that is not all."

"All!" echoed Lola, as if moved by the word into some warmth. "You mean that is not all, so far as he is concerned. And what of me? Have you thought of me once in all this—what my feelings will be? Or do you think, as he seems to think, that I am merely something to remain unconsidered, unesteemed, uncared for; something for you to come and examine and test and approve or disapprove; some cold and feelingless thing, to be placed under the microscope of your family pride? You may forget, though I do not, that my father's family is as old and as honorable as your own, and that we do not recognize your right to precedence in any one respect save only a title and a fortune."

Despite her prejudice Lady Walcote could not help admiring the girl for her pride and courage.

"I know your family tree better than you probably, and I have never questioned the past history of it," she said.

"You mean you question only myself as the present member of it, and my father because he was driven abroad. But was there never a dark page in the history of your own family? Has every one of your son's ancestors been as good and true a man as himself? I do not want to pain you with unpleasant stories of the past. Enough that I ask whether your son is worse on account of the character and ill deeds and wild extravagance of his grandfather?" She had gathered this from the little secret history which her father had written for her guidance, and it was easy to see how the shot told on Lady Walcote.

"You have your father's daring, Lola," she said, using the Christian name for the first time.

"There is much of my poor dear father in me, I know," said Lola, allowing her manner to soften as she came to what she meant to be the turning point of the interview, "and, frankly, I would not have it otherwise. You and those in England know one side of his character, I another. I know he was wild; that he gambled, drank, cared nothing for religion and committed a crime which drove him to exile. In all that he was what the world calls bad. But a truer man, a stancher friend, a kinder father, he could not have been. In all his troubles, in all his riotous living, in all his wildness, he had never a harsh thought or unkind word for me. You are right in thinking I am not as your girls here in England. I have lived at times the wild bohemian life to which he was driven, and I never had a mother to stand between me and the rougher side of it. But from the hour when I left the convent school at Amiens—from choice, for often he wanted me to leave him and come to England, but he was the only thing that had loved me and I had loved, and I could not leave him in his old age—from the first to the last he watched and guarded and cared for me with a love that all my life long must make his name a [illegible] sound in my ears."

Her voice trembled [illegible] the last words, and she paused [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] with emotion [illegible].

"[illegible] blame me [illegible] for my [illegible] [illegible] was wrong [illegible] to stay by the father's side at the risk of her future in England? Well, if you do I cannot help it. I would do it again only too cheerfully if I could bring him from his lonely Swiss grave. I am not of the cold, callous nature that love and hate where expediency points and judgment suggests. I love because I love, madly, wildly, madly may be, but at least I do not forget who and what I am or what the honor of my family demands."

"Do you love my son?" asked Lady Walcote suddenly.

At the question Lola was like one moved by an overpowering rush of tempestuous emotion, which swept over her, carrying before it all the checks and bars of restraint which she had imposed upon herself. Her eyes filled with tears, she flushed and then paled instantly. Her fingers were interlaced with strenuous force, and her lips were pressed, while for a [illegible] with the fitful gusts in which her breath passed and repassed her heaving bosom. Then she appeared to [illegible] her feelings and [illegible] to recover self possession. When she spoke, it was [illegible] and harshly.

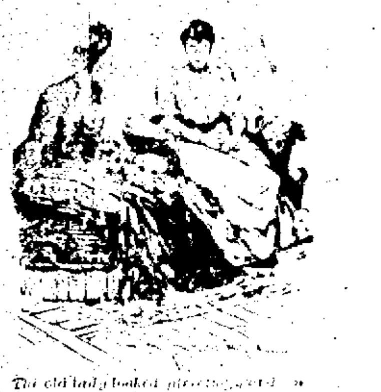
It was a magnificent piece of acting, and it baffled even the shrewd suspicions of Lady Walcote.

"I will not listen to that question if you please, Lady Walcote. Young as I am, my experience has told me that love alone cannot give happiness in marriage. I will not marry your son without your consent, and on that I pledge you my word."

"My dear, I believe I have wronged you," said the old lady, rising as she spoke and kissing the girl's forehead.

And without saying more she went home.

When Lola was alone in her own room and the door was locked, she [illegible]



The old lady looked piercingly at Lola.

[illegible] one might even see [illegible] some of her natural feelings [illegible]

"It was a [illegible]," she [illegible], smiling. "But [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] much the better. [illegible] it is easy [illegible] but [illegible] pay the piper—when [illegible] said she's the dowager!"

Then she laughed.

"I ought to be on the stage after all. Pierre was wrong to stop me. I wonder!"—she stopped [illegible] her face [illegible]ced—"I wonder if he is alive after all. Well, it's the fortune of war." And she tossed up her hand with a defiant gesture. "He's not likely to [illegible] me. He'll certainly never look for me as Lady Walcote, and if he finds me, what of that? I am not afraid, and [illegible] for the two men, they must settle it for themselves. But, dead or alive, he shall not alter my plans by a hair's breadth. Heigho, if these good people did but know!"

And she laughed again.

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HE COULD FORGIVE HER.

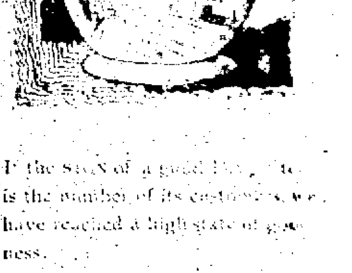
[illegible] Mrs. Siddons [illegible] Marry an Actor.

Mrs. [illegible] in 1755 [illegible] Sheridan of [illegible] [illegible] Walk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sarah, was [illegible] theatrical atmosphere [illegible] was playing Ariel.

As she grew up she [illegible] beautiful and [illegible] among whom was Henry Siddons, a young [illegible] who [illegible] girl's heart. Mr. and Mrs. Kemble had made up their minds that Sarah [illegible] not marry in the profession, in consequence of which they strongly opposed the intimacy, and young Siddons in a fit of retaliatory humor composed a song detailing their opposition to his suit, which brought about his speedy dismissal from the company. Sarah left the company, too, and lived out as lady's maid in Warwickshire for two years.

During this time the lovers carried on a lively correspondence and finally, gaining the reluctant consent of the Kembles, were married at Trinity church, Coventry, in 1773, when Sarah was [illegible].

It is said that Mr. Kemble told her if she ever married an actor he would [illegible] him [illegible]. After her marriage he said, "I may forgive you without breaking my word, for you have certainly not married an actor, whatever the gentleman himself may think is his vocation." This is on the authority of Lady Eleanor Butler, who knew the persons.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



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Foreign immigration during the last fiscal year was only 230,832, a falling off from the year previous of 112,-[illegible].

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There will be a meeting of the Republican county committee at the St. James parlors at Bradford, Friday, August 20, at 3 p. m. Do not fail to attend.

The Democratic managers have sent W. J. Bryan to Mexico to get him out of the way while the price of wheat is going up and the price of silver is declining. He talks too much.

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The manufacturers and the farmers are now engaged in a race to see who shall show the greatest evidence of prosperity. Come to think of it, that was just what the Republicans claimed last year—that prosperity in manufacturing and prosperity in farming went hand in hand.

The most encouraging feature of the reports showing the return of business activity is that they come from small as well as large places. When every community finds itself busily employed the professional agitator finds his occupation gone and the country prospering.

An inferior quality of money always cheats the earner of wages. Capital knows all the ways and means of guarding against contingencies, and labor has not the chance to do so. The fact that the silver standard of money is everywhere associated with impoverished, servile labor tells the story.

The Cleveland Plaindealer, a daily Democratic newspaper of Senator Hanna's home, reluctantly admits that there is "some evidence of returning prosperity." It is moved to this admission by the fact that a single rolling mill in that place which has been silent for years has started up with 2,000 men at work.

The farmer's up at dawn of day, harvesting wheat or hauling hay; he knows protection's here again, for money's waiting for his grain. The market's up, his crops are good, he'll buy new clothes, have lots of food, he'll heed no more the free trade "bunk," who gayed him once with "dollar wheat."—American Economist.

The X-rays are proving more wonderful every day. James L. Steele of Bethlehem, Pa., mention of whom was made in the Miner of two weeks ago as having had his back broken four times and yet lived, was brought to the hospital for the fifth time and the X-rays used. It was discovered that the dislocated vertebra had never been properly replaced. But by the assistance of this wonderful invention the operation was successfully performed.

The old saying "water will always find its own level" was fully illustrated by the Populists of Ohio last week in the nomination of "Commonweal Coxey" as their candidate for governor. When he marshals his hosts that he had two years ago and marches through the "Western reserve" he will draw to his banner every tramp and disgruntled politician that can be found in the State and there will be no signs up to keep off the grass. Let the band strike up "See, the Conquering Hero Comes."

The unkindest cut of all is the Philadelphia Times accusing Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio of manipulating the Populist convention in that State last week and inducing the Populists to nominate Commonweal Coxey as their candidate for governor. The Democrats are willing to lay any misfortune that happens to them to Hanna. The Times seems to consider that Coxey's nomination dashes their hopes of carrying Ohio this fall, as there are no hopes of fusing with the Populists on which the Democrats banked their hopes.

The large number of workmen who may be seen returning from the railroad shops every evening at 4 o'clock, tells plainly of the changed conditions [illegible] of the tariff. For several [illegible] eight hours constituted a day's work. Now a number of men are working 10 hours. Ten hours per day means big monthly checks. We frequently hear of workmen making [illegible] to $2.50 per day.—Renovo [illegible]. That's right, brother [illegible] a great deal better [illegible] on the old [illegible]

THE ERIE BICYCLE CASE.

The bicycle riders in McKean county are perfecting a strong organization to oppose Judge Morrison, of that county, who is a candidate for re-election. The opinion written by Judge Morrison in the Erie city bicycle tax ordinance is the grounds for the opposition. A severe criticism written by the chief consul of the L. A. W., is being circulated extensively. Judge Morrison decided that the Erie ordinance taxing bicycles $1 a year was legal.—Erie Herald.

If the foregoing is intended as a sample of the little wit politics displayed more or less prominently in every campaign and especially characteristic of the tactics employed against Judge Morrison, the specimen is well selected. It bears internal evidence of having been inspired by some fellow whose imagination is stronger than his regard for truth and whose scruples are less conspicuous than his disrespect for the intelligence of wheelmen. As regards the statement of alleged fact, the writer is a member of the L. A. W., but he has heard nothing about any such movement as the one referred to. Moreover he has too much confidence in the good sense of local wheelmen to believe that they would join a scheme so idiotic in itself and reflecting so much discredit upon their judgment. We have not seen the chief consul's "severe criticism," which is being so "extensively circulated;" but we are very sure of one thing, to-wit: if the chief consul has written a criticism which extends beyond the legal technicality involved, he has written himself down an ass. In making this qualified declaration we violate no obligation as a member of the L. A. W., for, while it is highly improbable that a chief consul would be an ass, the thing is not impossible; in truth, the development of unsuspected powers of asininity is often contingent upon elevation to prominent station. As a loyal leagueman, we sincerely trust that the chief consul has confined his criticism of Judge Morrison's decision within legitimate bounds. If he has done so, the "strong organization" mentioned has for its existence not even the poor excuse of ignorance. If otherwise, the alternative conclusion as indicated above is unavoidable. Really, the matter is too trivial to merit attention; but for the benefit of any individual who may not understand the case in all its bearings, we will give a brief history and exposition: Judge Morrison had the naked legal question submitted to him at Erie as to the legality of an ordinance passed by the city councils and approved by the mayor, requiring each resident owner of a bicycle to cause the same to be registered and procure a tag with a number thereon and attach the same to the bicycle and pay therefor the sum of $1. Judge Morrison decided that under the police powers recognized by our courts the Council of Erie had the legal power to enact such an ordinance and that the ordinance in question was in due form. He expressed no opinion as to the policy or propriety of imposing such a tax. He simply decided a dry legal question. He may be right or he may be wrong. An appeal has been taken. We do not intend to discuss the soundness of the decision, because that question is not germane to the present discussion. In due time the higher court will determine the legal point raised. Let it be assumed, however, that Judge Morrison was wrong in his judgement of the legal power of the city councils of Erie. Does that furnish any reason for any one, who has not wheels in his head, to oppose Judge Morrison's re-election? The law is not an exact science and judges often disagree. Our Supreme Court has often divided three and four on a purely legal question, and sometimes when one judge was absent a lower court has been affirmed because three judges said the court was right and the other three just as positively said the decision was wrong. If Judge Morrison was wrong, unless the decision was corrupt—which nobody contends—he ought not to be censured for an honest mistake. The eminent and eccentric Judge Martin Grover of New York, used to say that a dissatisfied lawyer had a right to adjourn to a tavern and damn the court, or to take an appeal; but, that no decent lawyer would do both. The Erie wheelmen have appealed. It is well known in this county that Judge Morrison has been a steady friend of wheelmen. He has been a strong advocate of good roads for their benefit and has always contended that they are entitled to all the rights and privileges on the highways that the law extends to the owner of any other vehicle. In the absence of convincing proof to the contrary, therefore, we shall continue to hold the opinion that the wheelmen of McKean county will not allow themselves to be hoodwinked or deceived in this matter by a chief consul or anybody else who has not sense enough to distinguish between a decision upon a dry point of law and an expression upon the merits of a policy. When called upon to decide as to the legality of an ordinance it is not competent for the judge to go outside the question submitted. If in his judgement the ordinance is legal, as an honest man, he must say so. With the propriety or policy of the ordinance he has nothing to do. * * * We repeat that in the Erie case, Judge Morrison interpreted the law as he understood it. He said the city councils had the power to tax bicycles. As to the propriety of the tax he was not called upon to decide. That is not a legal question; it is a question of municipal policy, which may or may not accord with the court's views; and which it would be extra-judicial and impertinent for him to express an opinion upon.—Bradford Star.

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Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs, and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 1897.—Nothing more contemptible is recorded in the annals of American politics than the plot, for plot it undoubtedly is, to attempt to force the retirement from the cabinet of Secretary Sherman by misrepresenting not only his words and acts, but his mental condition. Secretary Sherman was never stronger mentally than he is to day, but even if it were true that his mental faculties were beginning to feel the advance of age, his long and honorable public service would entitle him to sympathy, in place of the sneers and inuendos which have been and are being meted out to him in the columns of the Democratic and assistant Democratic press. Of course, everybody knows that the principal object of these political ghouls is to injure the Republican party in Ohio at the coming election, but, as the average of intelligence among Ohio voters is as high as that of the voters of any State in the Union, this nasty plot will be more likely to react upon its concoctors than to injure the Republican party or Secretary Sherman. The Ohio voters are likely to have an opportunity to judge for themselves whether the mental faculties of Mr. Sherman are as strong as ever, as he intends to make some speeches in the State during the campaign, if his health continues as good as it is now.

No surprise was felt by those who knew the animus of the charges made against Constructor Bowles, who is in charge of the Brooklyn navy yard, when acting Secretary Roosevelt made public his full approval of the report of Commander C. H. Davis, who made a complete investigation of all the charges against Mr. Bowles. Not only does Mr. Roosevelt approve of the report exonerating Mr. Bowles, but he adds that it was because Mr. Bowles was doing his duty so faithfully and conscientiously that attacks were made upon him by those who wished him to do otherwise.

Comment is heard on all sides on the marked disinclination of all the prominent Democrats to talk for free silver. This has been specially noticeable since silver commenced to decline in price again. Among themselves heretofore Democratic silverites have not hesitated to express their admiration for the manner in which Boss Gorman hedged on the silver question in the Maryland Democratic platform, and there is very little doubt that many of the National Democratic leaders regard free silver played out as a battle cry, and are engaged in hunting a new phrase which they can use to bamboozle the voters. The death of the free silver craze is also regarded as the end of the candidacy of Bryan. Meanwhile the country grows daily more prosperous, and the people know that they owe their returning prosperity to the faithfulness with which President McKinley and the Republicans in Congress kept the promises made in the last national Republican platform, and knowing it are not likely to pay any serious attention to any new experiment that may be proposed by the beaten and demoralized Democratic party. A majority of the voters in 1892 trusted the Democratic party to their everlasting sorrow and four years of distress, but they won't do it again.

Before rendering the opinion that Secretary Gage has requested as to whether the 10 per cent. discriminating duty provided in the Dingley tariff for goods imported from Canada applied to goods from Japan or other foreign countries invoiced to an American port but received at that port over a Canadian railroad, Attorney General McKenna, by request, gave verbal hearing to ex-Secretary Carlisle, representing the Boston & Maine railroad; ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin representing the board of trade and the Merchants' Association of Boston, and others, who argued against the discriminating duties being applicable to such goods. Attorney General McKenna announced that he would give Messrs. Carlisle and Hamlin until Wednesday to file briefs, after which he would render his opinion as early as possible. Secretary Gage will not make a ruling on the question until he get's the Attorney General's opinion.

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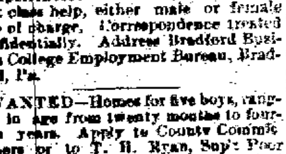

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THE FIGHT AGAINST JUDGE MORRISON.

It is now evident that the friends of Mr. Eugene Mullin of Bradford have determined to make a bitter fight against Judge Morrison of the forty eighth district, in the contest which is now in progress there. Prior to Mr. Mullin's nomination there were a number of Democrats in the district who, believing thoroughly in a non partisan judiciary, favored the indorsement of Judge Morrison, but they were over ruled by the politicians and Mr. Mullin's nomination followed. The intervening time has naturally been passed, first, in speculating upon the manner in which the voters would receive this obvious effort to drag the judiciary back into politics, and, second, in endeavoring to work up some enthusiasm for Mr. Mullin. So far as can be judged from the newspapers of the district, this has been a difficult task. The Democratic candidate's legal qualifications are conceded, but the wisdom of his nomination against a satisfactory judge is flatly denied.

Equally clear, also, is the fact that there is no non partisan reason why Judge Morrison should not receive the support of every Democrat who believes in elevating the bench to its proper plane. The McKean Democrat and the Bradford Herald are Mullin's earnest newspaper supporters, and neither one of these has as yet advanced any real argument. The Democrat has had to content itself with the alleged discovery of "strong sentiments" in favor of Mr. Mullin, but it has not located any of those sentiments with any exactness. The Herald, on the other hand, has been reduced to the extremity of arguing against a "life-term" for Morrison, and of asserting that the time for a "change" has arrived. Even more absurd than this is its protest against making the contest a political one after those for whom it speaks refused to endorse a judge who had given faithful and competent service to the people.

The issue, however, is too clear to deceive the voters. They know that it was the district Democracy that invited a partisan contest, and in the absence of proof that Judge Morrison is unfitted for the place by reason of any betrayal of their trust will undoubtedly see that he is retained.—Phil'a Inquirer.

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Section 1. [illegible]

Section 2. [illegible] Smethport, [illegible] the first Monday of [illegible] Chief Burgess of [illegible] dollar for each [illegible]

Each license shall [illegible] name and residence of the owner, the [illegible] and the name, breed, sex, age, marks and other points of identification of the animal for which such license is issued.

Everyone of such animals shall have and continuously wear around its neck a collar with a metal tag or plate having thereon the number of the license granted for said animal attached thereto, which said tag or plate shall be furnished to the applicant for such license by the said Chief Burgess.

Section 3. That the said Burgess shall keep a full and complete record of every license issued by him, showing the name and residence of the person to whom said license is issued, the description and breed, together with all marks of identification of the animal for which such license is issued, and the number of said license as hereinbefore set forth.

Section 4. That any person who, after the passage of this ordinance, has, keeps, maintains or harbors any unlicensed dog or bitch within the corporate limits of the said borough, shall, upon conviction thereof before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of the said borough, be fined in any sum not exceeding ten (10) dollars, in the discretion of the Chief Burgess or Justice of the Peace, for each and every offense, and in default of payment, to be committed to the borough lock-up for the period of three days, and any person who has, keeps, maintains or harbors or has in his or her possession any such unlicensed animal, shall be deemed the owner thereof and liable for the said penalty. Any of such animals found going abroad loose or at large without having around its neck the said collar, having attached thereto the said metal tag or plate aforesaid, shall be prima facie deemed unlicensed.

Section 5. That any person whatsoever may make complaint of persons having, keeping or maintaining any such unlicensed animals to the Chief Burgess or High Constable, and it shall thereupon become their duty to entertain and immediately investigate the same, or cause the same to be done, and if said complaint be found correct, to apprehend and impound the said animal as hereinafter provided.

Section 6. That the Chief Burgess of said Borough is hereby authorized and empowered and directed forthwith to provide and establish a pound or pounds at such place or places within the limits of said borough, as he may deem best, wherein he shall cause to be impounded all dogs and bitches that may at any time be found at large, or loose, or going abroad in any of the public streets, lanes, highways or other public places in the corporate limits of the borough of Smethport without being licensed and wearing the metal tag or plate hereinbefore set forth; and also to employ a poundmaster or poundmasters to take charge of said pound or pounds, apprehend, take up, capture, collect and impound all of said animals liable to be impounded, and to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. The compensation of such poundmasters shall be fifty cents for each dog and every bitch so impounded, which compensation shall be paid by the person reclaiming said animal, and in case they are not reclaimed, he shall be compensated as hereinafter provided.

Section 7. That no animal impounded as aforesaid shall be released and discharged therefrom except by the owner making demand therefor at the pound in which said animal may be impounded within forty-eight hours after such animal was impounded therein, proving ownership to the satisfaction of the poundmaster, paying him the sum of twenty-five cents for each and every day or fraction thereof during which said animal was impounded therein in addition to the sum provided in section 6, and procuring a license for said animal in the manner provided by this ordinance.

Section 8. That the poundmaster or poundmasters shall cause all of said animals remaining in said pound or pounds forty-eight hours after being impounded therein without being claimed or released, as hereinbefore provided, to be put to death in such manner and means and buried so as not to create a nuisance.

The poundmaster shall receive the sum of one dollar for the first and fifty cents for each additional animal so killed and buried in any one day, which sum shall be paid by the borough.

Section 9. That any person except the owner who shall remove from the neck of any dog or bitch the metal tag or plate hereinbefore specified shall, upon conviction thereof before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of this borough, be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty (50) dollars, in the discretion of the Chief Burgess or Justice of the Peace, and in default of payment be committed to the county jail or borough lockup for a period not exceeding thirty days, which punishment shall be in addition to the pains and penalties provided by law for the punishment of larceny.

Section 10. That any person who shall break open any dog pound or pounds, or who shall in any manner release or abstract any dog or bitch from said pound or pounds, or who shall interfere with or hinder the capture or conveying of any such animal to said pound or pounds, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of the borough, be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty (50) dollars, in the discretion of the Chief Burgess or Justice of the Peace, and in default of payment, be committed to the county jail or borough lockup for a period not exceeding thirty days.

Section 11. That in case any dog shall be impounded, the owner of which has already complied with the provisions of this ordinance, said animal shall be released without any cost to the owner, provided, it is claimed within forty-eight hours, before mentioned.

D. C. YOUNG,
President.

Attest:
A. T. PALMER, Secretary.
Approved this 2nd day of August, 1897.
L. K. HOGARTH,
Chief Burgess.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, etc., at a session thereof to be held at Smethport, Penn'a, on Tuesday, September 7th, A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the transfer to us, Clyde M. McDonnell and Lewis A. Coleman of a certain license for a hotel, known as "The Industry Hotel," situate on the west side of Davis street in the First ward of the City of Bradford, Penn'a, at Nos. 17 and 19 Davis street, which license was on the 24th day of May, 1897, granted to Lewis A. Coleman and E. A. Coleman to continue and be in force and effect on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1897, for one year. Our present residence is at the Industry Hotel, Bradford, Penn'a. The occupation of Clyde M. McDonnell is hotel clerk, porter, etc. The occupation of Lewis A. Coleman is hotel proprietor.

CLYDE M. McDONNELL.
LEWIS A. COLEMAN.

M. H. BYLES, Att'y for Petitioners. 32-3t

Notice.

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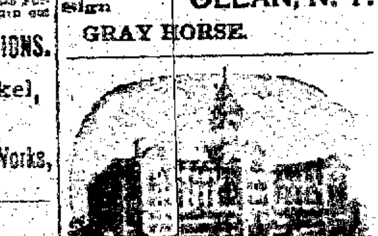

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, AUG. 20, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—[illegible] house for rent.

—[illegible] McCoy is sporting a fine new top [illegible].

—[illegible] Maccabees is requested to meet at [illegible] Hall Monday night.

—The employes of the B. R. & P. R. R. will picnic at Silver Lake tomorrow.

—[illegible] interesting communications were left out this week on account of lack of space.

—The miners at Clermont are working [illegible] and a great deal of coal is gotten out daily.

—A crew of men are at work erecting a telephone line between Farmers Valley and East Smethport.

—H. M. Choate, our popular deputy recorder has issued 1511 marriage licenses since the act was passed.

—Joseph McGee of Rixford who was held on the charge of attempted rape was released on bail last Saturday.

—For week ending Aug. 14, letter remains in postoffice for Mrs. Wm. Kinzler. When calling for same please say "advertised."

—David Bradley of Austin, Pa., committed suicide last week by cutting his [illegible] with a razor. He was aged 64 years.

—The Miner received a very interesting letter from Comrade H. L. Burlingame [illegible] of Ludington, Mich. It will appear next week.

—The many friends of W. H. Sullivan will be pleased to learn that he has been [illegible] to his pleasant home at Austin and is in a fair way to recover.

—The planer at the mill was broken on Tuesday morning causing a shut-down. It was soon fixed, however, and work was resumed Wednesday morning.

—A. E. Hughes is striving to hold down Chas. Dickinson's chair in the recorder's office, but, being rather under weight, he experiences some difficulty.

—The [illegible] Red Front, Olean, N. Y., has a change of adv. this week. When you [illegible] Olean remember this popular [illegible] house. Ford's prices are always [illegible].

—Thomas A. Barry of Ormsby and Miss Laura McMahon of Bradford were [illegible] Father Coonan at the latter [illegible] last Monday. They will reside at [illegible].

—The ox roast feast at Foster Brook Park last Sunday is claimed to have been a decided success. Large crowds were in attendance in spite of the rain in the morning.

—Mrs. T. S. Thomas of Cuba, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Olds of Crosby. Miss Amanda Wilcox of Wilcox [illegible] visiting her brother, L. F. Wilcox at Crosby.

—Last Wednesday morning Father [illegible] joined in wedlock William F. St. [illegible] and Margaret O'Connell of Mt. Alton. Quite a large company accompanied the happy couple on their trip.

—Last Monday Father Flood celebrated high mass, it being the anniversary of Father Galligan's death. Miss Anna [illegible] presided at the organ. Mrs. Car[illegible] sang a solo to the accompaniment of Miss Mary Shafer.

—A pleasant surprise was tendered Miss [illegible] Stewart last Saturday night at the home of her uncle, S. G. Bush, on [illegible] street. The occasion was the birthday of Miss Stewart and the surprise was [illegible]. An enjoyable evening was spent.

—An illustrated issue of the Harrisburg News announcing its second anniversary reached our table last Saturday. It is a six column, 10 pages full of fine illustrations and half tone cuts of the most interesting points and prominent men and is a credit to the publishers.

—Miss Lois Young was the guest of [illegible] at a trolley party given Friday afternoon by Mrs. Smiley, with whom she is visiting. About 20 young people were in the party, and the journey to Rock City, where refreshments were served, was a most delightful affair.—Bradford Post.

—Guy Mayo was down from Smethport Friday and took part in the clay pigeon shoot at Indian Creek. His score is [illegible] good evidence that the story they tell in Smethport about Guy and Brownell's dog Duke, is true.—Eldred Eagle. It was all owing to Duke's age that Guy did not get more birds. Duke was unable to catch them after Guy missed.

—Mrs. J. E. Ward died at the Imperial Hotel in Bradford last Saturday afternoon, after a brief illness, aged 40 years. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her departure.

—Notice the change in the advertisement of the Oak Leather Harness company of Olean, N. Y. If you contemplate buying a harness, or a vehicle of any kind you should look over their prices before buying elsewhere.

—Chas. M. Spooney and wife of East street have brought an action against Smethport boro, claiming $15,000 damages for injuries to Mrs. Spooney caused by defective sidewalk near their residence. Papers were served on Burgess Hogarth and Secretary Palmer yesterday.

—Wm. H. Bisson and Miss Rachel L. Smith both of Bradford; Chas. Fox of Bradford and Mrs. Anna O'Connell of Jamestown, N. Y.; Petro Leo and Maria M. Ricardo both of Bradford; Wm. F. St. Clair and Margaret O'Connell of Mt. Alton were granted marriage licenses recently.

—The Chicago Record publishes an account of a man by the name of Charles Nelson, who was shot in Washington Park in that city on the night of July 1, the ball entering his breast and lodging in the septum of his heart. The X-rays have disclosed the location of the ball. This is one of the most remarkable cases on record.

—Duke, George Brownell's famous bird dog, bade adieu to all things that bother a dog while in life and is now enjoying a well earned rest that is final. "Billy" Black ended the dog's trials by a well aimed bullet. Duke was a finely bred Irish setter and was noted throughout this section on account of his singular intelligence and gentle disposition.

—At about 10:30 yesterday morning Lester Patterson of Reed Hollow drove into town. When in front of Specht & Sasse's store the tongue dropped down, causing the wagon to run on the horses' heels. They started to run but Mr. Patterson bravely clung to the lines. When in front of Stan Townsend's residence they crossed the walk, throwing the driver out and breaking the tongue. The horses ran straddle of a tree and stopped. No one hurt.

—The B., B. & K. and B., R. & P. R'ys will run a special G. A. R. encampment excursion to Buffalo via Bradford Monday, Aug. 23. Excursionists will leave Smethport and all stations along the B., B. K. R'y on the regular morning train leaving here at 8:20, and taking the 10:50 train on the B., R. & P. at Bradford, arriving in Buffalo at 1 p. m. Tickets will be on sale for all regular trains August 21, 22, 23 and 24, limited for return passage until Aug. 31st, at the excursion rate of $2.90 for the round trip.

—Our Clermont correspondent says: James Wandrum, son of Geo. Wandrum, met with a painful accident on Monday last while in the act of firing a blast in the mines. He was standing right over the blast trying to light it with a torch, which caught sooner than he expected and exploded while he was standing over it. He was badly burned about the face and hands and may lose his eyesight. Dr. Corbin was called who rendered him medical assistance and on Tuesday he was taken to the Bradford Hospital.

—Harry McClure of Buffalo will never forget his last visit to Smethport. He was sitting in the office of the Wright House last Tuesday night in company with several other gentlemen, one of whom was that practical joker, Harry Rauch, of Philadelphia. Several side-splitting stories had been related and the entire company was in the best of humor. Rauch was sitting close to McClure. Finally the "Little Orderly" began to hiccup, spit and turned very pale. Mr. Wright said to him, "Comrade, you are getting sick." Just then Mr. Rauch raised up and ejected a mess of something white from his mouth, flying all over McClure's coat and vest. He jumped up, exclaiming, "My God, my clothes are ruined," while his countenance displayed the utmost disgust. Mr. Rauch had chewed up about four yards of white ribbon, with which he decorated Mr. McClure. The effect on the crowd can better be imagined than described. The only safety for anyone when the "Little Corporal" is around is to chain him up.

—A very exciting game of ball was played at Hamlin Park last Monday afternoon between nines composed of the boarders and employes of the Grand Central Hotel and Chautauqua House. The vacant places on both teams were filled in with ball smashers from the banks of the shimmering Potato creek and other places. Three fine showers added a zest to the game and kept the spectators in the grand stand busy in trying to keep warm. McGuier and Bacon failed to show themselves on the diamond and their fantastic and gazelle like movements, which would have been features of the game, were greatly missed by the spectators. The mud around home plate was a source of great amusement to those fortunate enough to be in attendance. The game abounded in fouls especially when John Quirk was at the bat. The score at end of this startling exhibition was 7 to 11 in favor of McGuier's stars. A game is played each year and previous to this exhibition honors were even, but now the Centrals hold the championship belt.

Obituary.

On Wednesday last, at his home in Mt. Alton, John H. Green passed quietly away from this life. On the preceding evening Rev. Flood was summoned from Smethport and administered the last rites of the church. On Wednesday morning mass was celebrated for him at Mt. Alton and immediately after mass his soul ascended to its reward.

Although he had been sick in bed but a short time the doctors say that he must have been suffering for years. How he endured that pain and kept up is the source of much wonderment among his friends.

Mr. Green was a man of great ambition and deemed no work too hard, nor no sacrifice too great when performed in behalf of his loved ones. As his home shows, his labors were not in vain, for he had purchased for them every luxury they could desire.

In his time Mr. Green has held many public offices and always proved himself worthy of the trust. He was a member of Kinzua Lodge 344, I.O.O.F., and of Alton Tent 105, K.O.T.M.

On Thursday the remains were taken to the old home at Canton, Pa., where, after a solemn requiem mass, they were laid to rest. He leaves to mourn, a devoted wife and four loving children who have the sympathy of the entire community in their hour of affliction, and as "Something attempted, something done, he has earned a night's repose." May he rest in peace.

Farm for rent for a long term of years, situated in East Smethport, Pa., 1½ miles east of court house. Farming machinery and tools, 3 cows, 2 horses and 1 colt left on farm if preferred. All the hay and oats raised to be fed on the farm.

tf G. W. King.

I offer for rent my house and property on Main street, and my furniture and household goods for sale.

32 3t. C. K. Bartwell.

Did you ever see "Solomon Isaacs?"

BUCKTAIL RE-UNION.

Smethport Welcomes the First Rifle Regiment, P. R. V. C., to Their Headquarters in '61.

A Big Family Gathering.

The Brave Old Boys are Being Royally Entertained by Our Hospitable People—Thursday's Proceedings—The Business Meeting—Reception at the Opera House—Camp Fire at the Court House—The Town Gorgeously Decorated.

Heroic self-sacrifice has in every age and clime received the happiest encomium of poet, saint and scholar. Stately columns reared heavenward throughout the world proclaim in solemn, silent, reverential eloquence the love and gratitude of posterity for those who have battled for freedom and her cause. Our own great State has never failed to respond to the call of duty, and her soil has been sanctified on many fields by the blood and bone of her noble children who have fallen in the cause of freedom. These rest in peace, gathered to their final bivouac in the Great Beyond. Some, however, who marched in her serried columns still remain.

Among those are the honored visitors of the present occasion. All honor to the surviving few of that gallant band of Bucktails! Time and the sword have thinned their ranks, but added to their fame. No boyish, mercenary motive actuated these brave men, who from their mountain homes went forth to battle; but imbued with the principles of liberty and equality they could not endure this blot of slavery and secession on the fair escutcheon of their country. None braver than these have found a soldier's grave beneath the southern sun. Drainsville, Gaines Mills, Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, Antietam and Gettysburg bear witness to their valor; and posterity will echo their glory to unborn generations.

Their deeds and achievement are not confined to their own country, but wherever liberty has thrilled the heart of man and awakened hopes of a higher and nobler life there is found the effects of that principle for which the northern soldier died. There is to-day in the heart of Africa a dusky savage, vaguely dreaming of this land, the birthplace of liberty. There are on the banks of the Ganges the timid children of India reading in their own language the story of our struggle. The fettered peasants in half-benighted Russia picture in rude imagination the greatness of a people who could rise to strike the fetters from a despised and enslaved race; yet our honored visitors and their comrades in battle have earned the crowning distinction.

Would that their lives could be lengthened out to enjoy for many years to come the fruits of their brilliant record, but each succeeding year finds the roll call thinned. A little more and they will gather together again at the great camping-ground of eternity to endure no parting. To those who are with us to-day we extend our cordial welcome, and trust their remaining days may be passed in the fullness of an honored soldier's joy.

Last Tuesday an alarm from the direction of East Smethport broke the silence of our quiet town. Comrade Wright sent out a body of scouts to ascertain the cause, and they reported Gen. Harry Rauch with a mixed army, principally fair Amazons, was invading our homes, and that we were in immediate danger of capture. A capitulation, however was agreed upon and the Little Corporal with his brave band took possession of our town, and we have been willing captives ever since. It is well that we surrendered for the invaders have been reinforced by other bands. We are happy to say, they own our town.

The eleventh annual business meeting of the Regimental Association of the Bucktails was held in Kittridge opera house, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p. m.

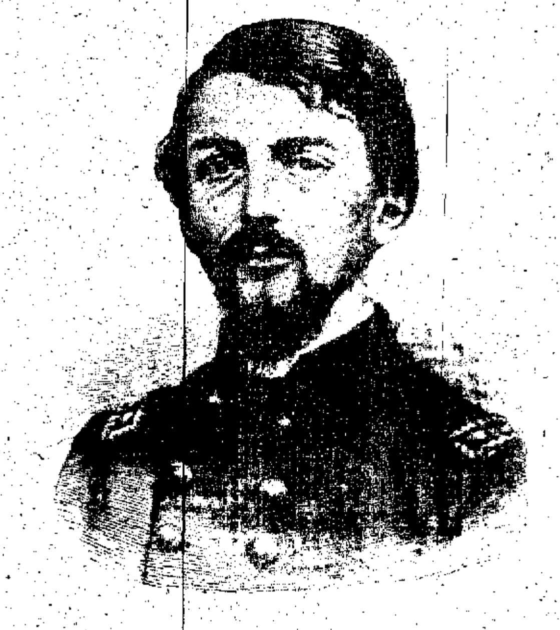
Comrade B. F. Wright, President of the Association, spoke briefly that as years were passing away the old regiment was growing smaller, that it was an honor to serve it in any capacity and that the offices should be distributed to different members each year. He thanked the members for the honorable position he held during the past year. After Mr. Wright was seated the secretary, W. H. Rauch, read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were approved. The reading of the financial statement was dispensed with as each of the association had received a copy of the same and no objection to it was made. The members then answered to the roll call, after which the nomination of officers was in in order. The following were duly elected: Pres't, Maj. Jno. A. Wolfe; Vice President, Hon. W. W. Brown; Sec'y, W. H. Rauch; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Rauch; Treas., Col. E. A. Irvin. Sec'y Rauch was also nominated for President, but in a few happy remarks, stating that as he had served under Johnny Wolfe in the trying days of the rebellion, he still wished to continue in that capacity and declined the honor. The officers were unanimously elected; Messrs Ryan and Lane were appointed to escort the new president to the chair. Mr. Wolfe declined to make a speech and referred the task to his friend, Brown, who said in substance that Mr. Wolfe was more accustomed to fighting than to speech making, that his own forte however was the latter, and while he did not come here to delight the people with eloquence yet he could not fail to respond to the enthusiasm of the occasion. "I will let the best speech [illegible] Mr. Brown [illegible] I feel like [illegible] my life has been passed here and elsewhere in the army and college and nowhere else can be found a more cordial reception than the citizens of Smethport extend."

Col. Irwin spoke complimenting the ladies on their tasty decorations and moved that the wife of him who organized the Bucktails be invited to sit beside the president. Messrs Wright and Brown escorted Mrs. Kane to the left of the president.

Letters of encouragement and regret from members unable to attend were read. It was moved, seconded and carried that a reply to Mr. Glen who is lying ill at home be sent. Col. Irwin made a happy address. Comrades Brown and Forgman were appointed a committee on resolutions.

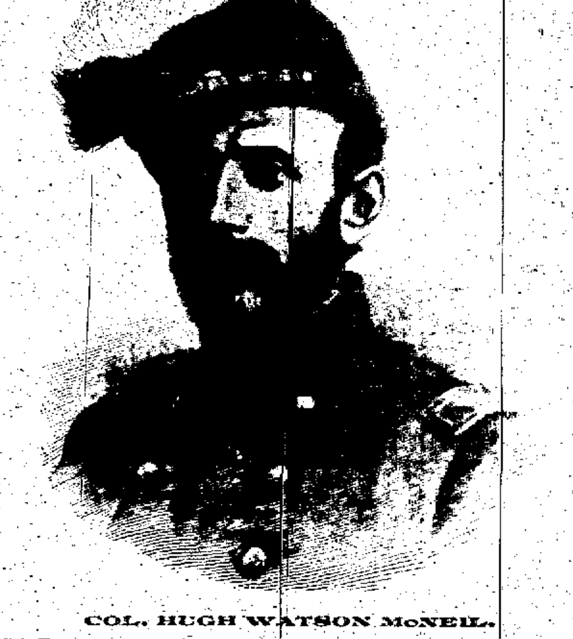
Heath's orchestra and the mandolin club entertained a large audience at the opera house yesterday afternoon while the ladies served ice cream and cake. This was one of the finest receptions ever given in our town and reflects great credit on our fair ladies.

The fire works at 8 o'clock were fine. At 9 the campfire was kindled at the court house. Marching through Georgia by the band fanned the blaze to the proper heat. The room was packed, standing room at a premium. Fine singing, short and eloquent speeches made the two and one-half hours pass quickly, and the campfire at Smethport, the birthplace of the regiment, will remain in the memory of those present as one of the happiest events in the history of the Bucktail association.



COL. CHARLES F. TAYLOR.

Col. Charles F. Taylor who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg while bravely leading his regiment is another of the famous men who offered his life that our nation might live. He was born at Kennet Square, Chester county, Pa., in 1840 and was a brother of Bayard Taylor, the renowned author and traveler. His earthly career closed at the age of 23. Had his life been spared there is no telling what preferment would have been his portion.



COL. HUGH WATSON McNEIL.

Col. Hugh Watson McNeil was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, N. Y., June 10, 1830. He was a graduate of Yale College. He enlisted as a private in Roy Stone's company, but was elected First lieutenant and afterward was made Captain. On Jan. 22, 1862, he was elected Colonel of the regiment. Col. McNeil was killed at Antietam, Sept. 16, 1862, aged 32 years. Thus early in life passed away one of the bravest defenders of our country's honor and beloved flag.

Following is Burgess Hogarth's address of welcome:

HONORED VETERANS AND FRIENDS, CITIZENS OF SMETHPORT; LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

To welcome the illustrious Bucktail Regiment, upon the occasion of their annual reunion, is a task which I assume with pleasure and with pride; with pleasure that I am called upon to greet the old-time comrades of my father; with pride in the cordial hospitality which I can extend to you in the name of the patriotic citizens of Smethport, and, in return for the honor of your presence.

In these times of national peace and prosperity, when your work has been accomplished and you have seen its fruits grow and multiply year by year, it is very fitting that you should keep up the spirit of comradeship by frequent meetings, and also that the people should join with you to learn new lessons of courage and of love for the stars and stripes.

It is also very fitting that to this regiment should be given the especial attention which is their due; for, while we appreciate every soldier and honor every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, we recognize the fact that the Bucktails were a special regiment, detailed for special duty as skirmishers at the head of the Reserve Corps of the Army of Pennsylvania.

It is thirty-six years last April since Thomas L. Kane, and his picked company of skilled marksmen, sound and hardy of body, keen in wit, quick to perceive, inured to a life of toil among Pennsylvania's wilds and burning with a patriotic desire to answer the call of the President for troops, floated down the Susquehanna on three huge rafts. Three hundred fifteen strong saluted the city of Harrisburg with a volley from their rifles. They came from McKean, Elk and Forest counties and were immediately named "The Bucktails", for every man of them wore a tail from the monarch of the forest in his cap and the same sign waved from a hickory pole serving as a flag-staff to each raft. It was comrade Jas. Landrigan who first placed a bucktail in his hat.

From Cameron, Warren, Perry, Chester, Clearfield, Carbon and Tioga counties came others of these skilled and hardy men, banding themselves together at Harrisburg under the name of the Kane Rifle Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, in honor of Col. Kane, although they were known there and will always be known wherever the history of our civil war is read, simply as the Bucktails. They soon became skilled in military tactics peculiar to themselves for they were scouts by nature and knew the significance of the snap of a twig or the rustle of a leaf. Often when approaching the enemy they would keep close to the ground, creeping to a [illegible] until sight [illegible] for special service [illegible] The Bucktails [illegible] There are many in this audience who were children at that time; some, who like myself, were born years later; and to remind you of the respect and honor due to these heroes, who fought to preserve our liberty, let me briefly review the record of their splendid services. Let me remind you of Drainsville where Col. Kane received a [illegible] in his face and his Bucktails forced the enemy to retreat; of [illegible] pursuit of Stonewall Jackson up the Shenandoah Valley, and the brilliant service of the Bucktails between May 26th and June 8th, 1862. They led Fremont's extreme advance, conducting their marching and fighting in their own peculiar fashion. In twelve successive days, during seven of which they were constantly engaged with the enemy, they marched 20 miles a day, and rendering flank marching and service in the fight, exclusive of foraging, 25 miles more. Without tents, blankets or regular rations, they outmarched and were dubbed all the horses of the cavalry! A brave record, ladies and gentlemen.

Their company was made up of such men as Martin Kelly who, at Harrisonburg, gave up his life without flinching, by deliberately stepping out alone to draw the enemy's fire. Let me recall to your minds the battle of Cross Keys, after which Col. Pilson, chief of artillery, shook each Bucktail roughly by the hand and thanked them for having saved his best battery. Then there were Gaines' Mill, Charles City and Cedar Mountain where our brave boys, with the well-known insignia in their caps, realized the scripture: "Five of you shall chase an hundred and an hundred shall put ten thousand to flight." Remember their glorious deeds at Bull Run. In recognition of his gallantry there and at Catlett Station Col. Kane was commissioned Brigadier General and his Bucktails were cheered to the echo. Think of them at Antietam, where so many of them lay prone in the dust when the smoke of battle cleared away and the last words of their dying leader, Col. McNeil, were, "Forward Bucktails, Forward!"

They were always in the van. They led the way to Fredericksburg and hot was the fire, sure the aim that met the enemy, wherever he showed himself. They engaged hand to hand with the rebels at Gettysburg, where they captured the entire Fifteenth Georgia regiment with its colors. In the campaign of the Wilderness, which opened May 3, 1864, the Bucktails were always ahead as sharpshooters, picking off rebel artillerymen, from Spottsylvania and Mountain Run, to their last battle at Mechanicsville, May 30, 1864. A glorious record, ladies and gentlemen. We have cause to be proud of the Bucktails.

Comrades of this regiment, veteran survivors of Kane's valiant company—Welcome to Smethport. Our children know you as the heroes who helped to preserve their country before they were born; our young men envy your noble record of bravery and loyalty; and our ladies—God bless them—will provide for your comfort, for I promise you that the ladies of Smethport are excellent cooks, notwithstanding the fact that they have several literary clubs.

I am voicing the sentiment of every man, woman and child in Smethport when I say that no monarch with his retinue, no prince or potentate, not even the President and all his cabinet, if they should honor our town with a visit, could inspire our patriotism or be so dear to us as our own, home-grown Bucktail Regiment.

Ladies and gentlemen, speaking in public is entirely out of my line. There is only one thing on earth that could force me to attempt it and that is, the presence of the glorious old Bucktail Regiment in our boro. And so, in the name of my fellow citizens, I invite you to make yourselves at home. As they say in the metropolis, "The city is yours." As mayor thereof "I hand over its keys" and hope this will be a time long to be remembered by you and by us. May these few days of your reunion be days of perfect pleasure and may all your days be days of peace and plenty. Be sure there will never come a day when Pennsylvania will forget her heroes—the First Rifle Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps, the famous Bucktails.

NOTES.

Judge Morrison and wife will have a reception on Saturday at their residence on upper Main street from 4 to 10 p. m. Everybody welcome.

The members of the committee that had the decoration of the court house in charge did their work in a manner exceptionally fine. The floral display was grand.

The opera house never presented a finer appearance than now. The decorations were tasty and the floral display would be hard to excell.

Gorton's Bucktail souvenir badges were very popular.

The arch in front of the Grand Central is a work of art and Wilber Oviatt deserves special mention for the work.

Lindholm & Co.'s arch and decorations are magnificent,—in fact equal to if not surpassing anything in town. The Wright House and all the places are handsomely decorated.

The following was read at the camp fire last night: The President and Mrs. McKinley regret their inability to accept the courteous invitation of "The Bucktail Association" for August 19th and 20th.

G. A. R. at Buffalo.

On Aug. 21, 22, 23 and 24 the Western New York & Pennsylvania R'y. will sell excursion tickets to Buffalo and return at a low rate. Call on agents for particulars.

Wm. Masser has employed a first-class bicycle repairman from Buffalo who will be able to make any repairs needed, or build new wheels.

This is the best time of year to have pictures taken of your residences, barns, farms, etc. Gleason will do the work right. 25-tf

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S. Hicks, optician, of Kane will make his next regular visit at Dr. Chadwick's drug store on Wednesday, Sept. 1. 31-tf

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Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.

tf M. S. Combs.

"Solomon Isaacs" coming soon.

Bonds for Sale.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE school district of Otto township, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania, having decided to fund the outstanding floating indebtedness of said school district into coupon-interest bearing bonds, notice is hereby given that the following described bonds of said school district are offered for sale for cash to the highest bidder, viz: Eleven bonds to be dated September 1st, 1897, each for two hundred dollars, the first of which is to fall due on Sept. 1st, 1898, and one each successive six months thereafter, the last becoming due Sept. [illegible] with interest coupons attached at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of [illegible] of each year, bonds and [illegible] payable by the treasurer [illegible] on presentation [illegible] [illegible]

N. B. [illegible] the board of directors can accept no bid less than par.

P. L. Golden,
Sec'y Otto Board of School Directors.
Duke Centre, Pa., Aug. [illegible]

Notice to Contractors.

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THE KANE PICNIC.

[illegible] Day—A McKean County Band Association Organized—The Ball Game—[illegible]

[illegible] therefore the first annual meet of the McKean County Band Association at Larabee on Friday, the 13th day of August, brought to that little hamlet the largest aggregation of people ever within its borders at one time. The managers informed the writer that they estimated that 2000 visitors were there and we consider the estimate low at that.

The day dawned fair and six bands, namely: Eldred, Port Allegany, Clermont, Duke Centre, Kushequa and Larabee, were there to entertain the music lovers assembled. Each band in turn played several pieces on the platform and all are entitled to credit for the way they rendered the music. There was no contest for prizes and the question "which was the best band there?" is only to be answered by those who had a favorite, which we had not.

Representatives of the different bands met in a tent in the afternoon and perfected a permanent organization to be known as the McKean County Band Association and selected Port Allegany as the place for their next annual meet. The six bands present joined the organization.

The ball game was called at about 3:30 and Smethport and a mixed aggregation representing Eldred proceeded to do battle. F. Harry Class officiated as umpire during the greater part of the game. His judgement on balls and strikes and his general interpretation of the rules governing the game could be improved on to say the least. "Buggy" Wright, the former heavy hitting Smethport left fielder, umpired the latter part of the game correctly and impartially. Page and Peters were the battery for Eldred and the way that the boys from the county seat batted Page made that young man from Roulette realize the fact that he had seen better days. Eleven hits with a total of 15 bases were made off his delivery in the six innings played. Servatius started to do the twirling for the Smethport team, but was removed after the second inning as the "Eldridges" were trifling with his curves to such an extent that the outfielders were in danger of heart failure from continually chasing the ball. After that Willie Fuller and Tommy Young did the battery work and until the close of the game had their opponents at their mercy. Willie fanned eight men during his sojourn in the box. Sasse deserves special mention for his batting and sensational base running. Tom Young's batting was a feature. Score: Smethport 13, Eldred 9. It was a picnic game played on picnic grounds, therefore a great many incidents in connection with the game are explained.

Among the pleasant events of the day was the singing of the famous Smethport quartette. The young men composing this quartette ably sustained Smethport's musical reputation and proved the drawing card of the day whenever they chose to sing.

During the afternoon the platform in the grove was filled with merry dancers, who cared not which team won victory in the national game in progress, so long as the Heath Bros. continued to let "the dance go on". In the evening an unusually large crowd was in attendance at the hop and life was but a merry round of pleasure until Old Sol was close at hand.

Council Meeting.

The following are the minutes of the council meeting held last Monday night:

Motion made and carried that the boro tax on dogs be exonerated and that the tax collector be notified of the action of the council.

Motion made and carried to file with the prothonotary a statement of the indebtedness of Smethport borough as a preliminary to issuing bonds to pay for the rock crushing plant.

The president, on motion, appointed Palmer, Chadwick and Sasse a committee to formulate a resolution increasing the bonded indebtedness of the borough and other matters relating to the issuing of bonds to pay for the rock crusing plant.

A committee had previously been appointed to confer with the Wolford Gas company to ascertain if they had any proposition to make to the borough of Smethport by way of making any donation or paying a bonus for coming into the borough or fixing any price for gas. The committee reported that they met the representatives of the Wolford Gas Co., and the conference developed no offer except that the Wolford Gas Co., are willing and will donate to the borough gas for 25 lights inclosed in globes. The committee further reported that they had not been able to formulate an ordinance as they had not succeeded until Monday evening in getting an interview and had no opportunity to do so since the interview.

The old gas company presented the following offer:

RESOLVED, that the Smethport Gas Company offer the Borough of Smethport to furnish fuel to all manufacturing establishments locating in the said borough, at as reasonable rates as any responsible company in McKean county shall be furnishing gas for manufacturing purposes, at the time demands shall be made for said gas and the same is furnished. Also to furnish gas free of charge for heating and lighting the hose house, and council room and for properly lighting the streets of said Borough provided inclosed globes are used.

The Smethport Gas Co., also presented a bond of $5000 duly signed and sealed binding themselves to faithfully discharge the two offers made, the first which was presented last week giving the Borough $1000 a year for five years and the one just quoted above. At this point, Mr. Richmond, for the gas company, having presented the foregoing proposition, made a speech setting forth the benefits to be derived from the acceptance of the $1,000 and the guarantees offered. He was followed by Mr. Apple urging the council to grant the Wolford Gas Co., a franchise. Mr. E. R. Mayo made a speech setting forth many legal points and favored the new gas company and thrust his spear into the water company all of which made much merriment and applause. Mr. Gorton made a speech in which he set forth the advantages the acceptance of the proposition of the Smethport Gas Co., would bring to the Borough and its tax payers, and prefaced his remarks with a statement that he was not at the meeting acting as attorney for either company or any faction but simply as a tax payer and for the best interests of the citizens. At this point the gas business was taken up by the Council on a resolution to accept the proposition made by the Smethport Gas Co. On the question the Council rejected the proposition by one majority. The following voted to accept: Young, Gallup, Palmer, Chadwick; to reject, Bovier, Sasse, Johnson, McCammon, Herzog. The same vote granted a franchise to the Wolford Gas Co. Afterward T. F. Richmond withdrew the proposition and bond of the Smethport Gas Co.

A. B Armstrong & Co., offer some very handsome hammocks at very reasonable prices.

Gleason, the photographer, is now ready to take pictures of your residences.

"Solomon Isaacs."

Wait for "Solomon Isaacs."

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Gardner visited Kane Friday.

Wade [illegible] visited Kane Tuesday.

F. C. Olds of Crosby was in town Tuesday.

Com. W. A. Young visited Buffalo Monday.

Att'y Neil McEwen of Kane was in town Saturday.

Chas. Latham spent last Sunday with his family here.

Commissioner Lemuel Davis spent Sunday in Kane.

T. J. Gilbert of Machias was in town Monday night.

W. F. Specht and son, Fred, were in Kane Monday.

W. H. Burlingame of Rice Brook spent Sunday in town.

Orlo J. Hamlin arrived home from Cape May Monday night.

Carl Wolford of Port Allegany was in town Monday night.

Mesdames John Forrest and S. Godden visited Bradford Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke transacted business in Kane Monday.

C. P. Collins of Bradford was transacting business in town Tuesday.

Mrs. F. E. Baldwin of Austin arrived Wednesday for an extended visit.

Mrs. E. R. Mayo and G. B. Mayo visited Duke Centre friends Sunday.

E. B. Dolley of Port Allegany was observed on our streets Monday.

Miss Lulu Keenan arrived home from Buffalo Saturday night for a visit.

T. H. Ryan transacted business at the mountain city of Kane Tuesday.

Harry Bartle and Chas. Black of Port Allegany wheeled over last Saturday.

Miss Meribel D. Folger of Geneva is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin.

F. D. Gallup departed Wednesday to attend the Firemen's Association at Meadville.

Albert Lamphere of Ceres was a most agreeable caller at this office last Saturday.

Miss Rose Allen started for Maine, Minn., last Friday for a visit of a couple of weeks.

Misses Mary and Freda Shafer returned to their home at Buffalo last Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Squires of Eldred spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eastman.

A. L. Colegrove and Ray Wolters arrived home from their bicycle trip last Sunday night.

Rev. J. M. Leach of Duke Centre and Jas. M. Trace of Rixford were in town last Saturday.

Harry Nesmith, an employe of the Warren Mirror, is visiting his sister, Miss Rose Grumbine.

Dr. W. H. DeLong of Emporia, Fla., arrived Wednesday and is a guest of Dr. H. L. McCoy.

T. H. Clark went to Meadville Wednesday. He was a delegate from the Austin hose company.

T. F. Richmond started for Meadville Tuesday night to attend the Firemen's Association meeting.

John A. Lundstrum and family of Port Allegany were guests of Ed Larson and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stone and two grandchildren of Rochester are guests of A. B. Armstrong and wife.

Brown Allen of Syracuse and Miss Mary P. Brown, sister of W. S. Brownell, arrived in town on Tuesday.

F. F. Freeman, who is an agent of the Buffalo Express was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday.

Mrs. A. DeShetler of Sinnemahoning, a former resident of this place, was visiting old friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Evarts of Buffalo arrived Monday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bouton.

G. W. Mitchell, W. H. Morrison, H. M. Choate and Fred McCoy enjoyed a pleasant drive to Bradford Sunday.

Hon. W. W. Brown and wife of Washington and J. L. Latta of Friendship were in town during the reunion.

W. E. Wilson of Cyclone and a Mr. Sage of Bradford were pleasant callers at this office while in town Monday.

Mesdames D. W. Butterworth and John Butler of Coudersport arrived yesterday and are guest of friends in town.

S. J. Gifford came down from Carthage, N. Y., last Saturday after an absence of six months. He returned to Carthage Thursday.

Corporal Harry Rauch and wife and Chas. Wildy and wife of Philadelphia arrived Tuesday afternoon to attend the Bucktail reunion.

Mrs. H. B. Warne and Smith Gutherie of Philadelphia came up Tuesday with Corporal Rauch and party to attend the Bucktail reunion.

Misses Marie Jackson and Nellie Masser of Smethport were the guests of Miss Cora Barr of Summer street, the first of the week.—Bradford Post.

Miss Ruby Palmer, who has been here on a visit to her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Palmer, returned to her home at Salamanca Friday.

Mrs. C. Wagner and daughter, Miss Adda, who have been visiting Mrs. Wagner's brother, S. D. Weaver, returned to their home in Bradford Monday.

Miss Eva Beers returned to her duties in Bradford Monday, as Mrs. Erastus Curtis has so far recovered from the effects of a recent fall to make such a course possible.

Sheriff Davis was in Bradford Tuesday. While there he visited the Exchange Lyceum and witnessed the wonderful healing powers of the hypnotic wonder, Dr. Fritz. The Sheriff stated that the doctor gave some wonderful exhibitions of his power over disease.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and $1.00 per bottle at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

Wm. Masser has placed in his shops on Water street all kinds of machinery for the manufacture of builder's material, such as moulding, siding, ceiling and surfaced lumber of all kinds.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

Don't forget "Solomon Isaacs."

Crockery.

This is a branch of the Hardware business that brings a pleasure into the work, especially when we can show our many patrons so many beautiful things at such reasonable figures. Following we quote a few sample

PRICES:

100-piece dinner sets,	$5.00
112 " " "	7.00
112 " " "	14.00
12 " toilet "	$3.75 to 8.50

FRUIT CANS.

Pint cans,	50c. doz.
Quart cans,	60 "
2-quart cans,	85 "

Screen Doors and Windows.

All sizes—prices right, at

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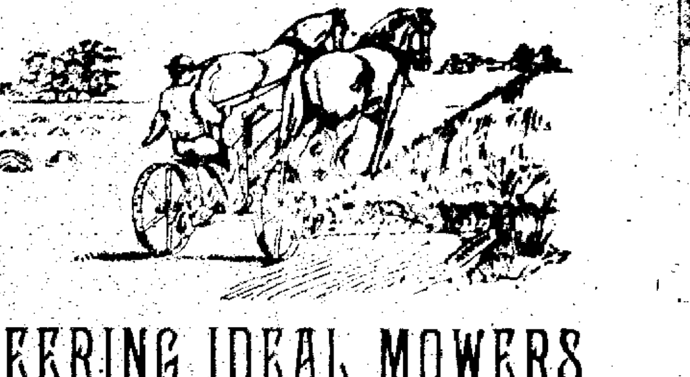
Smethport, Pa.



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With Ball and Roller Bearings.

They are the only Mowers that can be drawn at a slow walk or started without backing in any crop. The only Mowers with serrated ledger plates, perfect shear cutting knives with spring steel clips. The only Mowers with adjustable drag bar to keep the knife in line and protect the pitman.

Hill Side and Flat Land Plows,

Spring tooth, spike tooth and disk harrow, farmer's favorite seed and fertilizer drills. This drill can be used for sowing fertilizer alone, or broadcast if preferred. In fertilizers we include dry wood ashes, lime, sifted and land plaster.

We have top buggies, road wagons, platform wagons surreys, phaetons, carts, &c.

NOURSE BROS.,
Smethport, Penn'a.
BACKUS BLOCK, Opposite Court House.

When you go to town do not forget to call at

Store of D. C. Young

And look over his immense stock of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

New goods received daily.

Just received a quantity of bleached Table Damask which is being sold at 25c a yard. Also Bleached Crash at 10c a yard.

Good Black Sateen at 12½c a yard. Each one a decided bargain.

A drive in roast coffee at 12½c a pound.

All goods bought cheap for cash and sold accordingly.

Do not forget to look for drives in boots, shoes and rubber goods.

SMETHPORT, PA.

Goods Sold Will be for Cash.

August 4, 1897.

JOB PRINTING

Is an art. Anyone can do Job Printing—after a fashion. But Artistic Job Printing is only done by artistic printers—men who have taste for beauty and art as well as experience. Experience is indispensible, but experience without taste is of little avail. In the

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both taste and experience is an important factor, and is always apparent in the work issued from this department. Therefore if you prefer a high class of work to the cheap, botchy stuff got out by one-horse shops, you should see that your orders for printing of any description are placed with

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Mail orders given prompt attention.
Only first-class stock used.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT!

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BROWNELL BROTHERS,

Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of

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TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT

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THE NECESSITY OF BUYING DRUGS AT THE

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BECAUSE	Only the purest drugs are kept in stock.
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Now Just a word for Our

FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

One trial will convince you that they are just what we represent them to be. The very best material that we can buy is used. Remember the place.

PALACE PHARMACY,
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New Goods! Lowest Prices!

My store is chock full of new goods and going at prices that are lower than ever before. Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Mill Stuff, Hardware, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes and all kinds of Rubber Goods. Sole agent for Snag Proof Rubber Goods in this vicinity. Your patronage solicited. Yours Truly,

J. C. Stull.

[illegible]ADOW OF A NAME.

[illegible] PAIN'S TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF CHARLES CHADBAND.

[illegible] of a [illegible] Man Who Bore the [illegible] of One of Dickens' Celebrated [illegible]—Wrote Brilliantly, but Would Not Publish.

[illegible] on the morning of Easter Sunday at his home near Malvern Wells [illegible] Charles Chadband.

With the name of Chadband, thanks to Dickens, the reading world is familiar. It is associated with oiliness, hypocrisy and self seeking. At the very sound of the name the reminiscent grin comes on all faces. He is a national joke. But we pay for all our laughter, and we have paid for the Chadland joke. I do not mean to say that the unhappy accident by which Dickens selected the name of Chadband for his character was the cause of the death of Charles Chadband. It was not. He died of an ordinary disease—consumption, in fact. But that unhappy accident did overshadow the whole of Charles Chadband's life. It did prevent him from taking the place and fame to which he was justly entitled. It has prevented the general public from reading one single line of his very excellent works.

As his literary executor I have had no choice but to destroy every line of his manuscript, in accordance with his orders. Not a single copy has been taken, and not one word of his works that his friends remember may be committed to writing. I do not easily believe in the existence of genius, but I believe that Charles Chadband had genius. Some, far more competent to judge than I am, thought the same. As I watched the last sparks die out in the big pile of burned paper it seemed a pity that so much work and such wonderful gifts should be all wasted for such a stupid, ignoble, maddening reason—because the author had inherited the name of a character in Dickens.

He was very sensitive, but, unlike most very sensitive men, he was not affected or vain. When I was first introduced to him, he said, laughing, that he was no relation to the original Chadband. He reveled in Dickens and would quote the original Chadband freely. I had known him a long time before I knew that the coincidence of the names gave him any trouble at all. It was long before I could make out why he would not publish anything. He used to give the most absurd reasons for his reticence, and when driven into a corner he would say that he was going to publish, but not yet. One night, when I had just finished a long story of his, I implored him to let me take it away with me to London and see what could be done. "No," he said. "Nobody would publish it." I told him that it might be refused by five men out of six, but that the sixth would afterward be proud that he had accepted it.

Then, quite unexpectedly, the secret came out. "No serious work," he said, "could possibly do anything associated with the name of Chadband." He said it so light heartedly that I thought he was once more putting me off with a wrong reason, but I soon found that he was sincere. He imagined reviewers making jests about his name and owned that he would not be able to stand it. This surprised me, for he frequently joked about his name himself, and so did his friends. He defended himself.

"That's different," he said. "That is in conversation, among men that I know. But I could not have some vulgar brute who did not know me at all doing the same thing in cold print. It would present my stuff from the wrong point of view. No, the associations of the name are too strong. If you are called Chadband, you are called Chadband, and there's an end of it. You may do what you like in private, but you can come before the public only as an intemperate, hypocritical, delicious ass, and in no other character whatever."

He would not hear of a pseudonym or of anonymity. If his work succeeded, the secret would be found out, and he would be ashamed. If it did not succeed—and he did not think it would—it was not worth his while to add to the annual output of bad books. "Why make all this fuss about nothing?" I said, angry with his obstinacy. "If you think it matters one straw—though it does not—change your name once for all and be done with it." He said that it would be sheer cowardice, and he could not dream of it.

Very unfortunately, he had private means. Poverty might have driven him to overcome his sensitiveness and to publish. Had he done so it would have been curious to watch the growth of an entirely new set of associations around the name Chadband. I think he was strong enough to have redeemed the name.

He was unmarried—said that he did not believe in the hereditary principle as applied to jokes. His real reason for not marrying was, of course, the disease of which he died. He worked exceedingly hard, and, as he knew, to no purpose. He would not own that he took pleasure in his work. "No," he said, "it's like smoking—I get no pleasure from it, but I should miss it if I gave it up." He took enormous pains with his work and finished it as thoroughly as though it were to constitute his appeal to the world on the following day. He kept the final copy of everything he approved, but his instructions were that it was all to be burned as soon as possible after his death.—Barry Pain in Black and White.

A Very United Family.

The value attached by the poor, and even by those who are not in the depths of poverty, to decent surroundings in family life is a very variable quantity. Decent lodging is not by any means universally regarded as one of the prime necessities of life. Occasionally it is relegated to quite a back seat.

An instance was given before the commission of a family of seven persons—father, mother two grown up sons and three grown up daughters—all living in one room. With them this arrangement was a matter of choice, not necessity, for they earned between them £7 a week, more than £350 a year, and even from a slum landlord they could no doubt have afforded to hire another room or two. Having screwed down the item of rent to an irreducible minimum, they determined to have a thoroughly good time, and this is how the witness describes their proceedings: "In the evening they would all go out to the music halls and to the theaters. On Saturday afternoon they would take five tickets each for some char-a-banc or conveyance that was going into the country, and on Sunday they would go to Brighton and to other places." It is comforting to reflect that these Arcadian beings were a united family and always took their pleasure together as well as their meals. It is not stated whether they took in lodgers.—From "The Housing of the English Poor," by the Right Hon. Lord Monkswell, in North American Review.

Remedy For Excess In Eating.

A hint to those who may thoughtlessly at some time or other indulge to excess in eating. If this indiscretion is committed, especially in high seasoned things with fish sauces, a draught of cold water, acidulated with lemon juice, will take off the sense of weight at the stomach and assist the digestive process by moderating the alimentary [illegible].—New York Ledger.

Jack Tar's Reply.

[illegible] sailor was recently brought before a magistrate for beating his wife, when the magistrate attempted to reach his heart by asking him if he did not know that his wife was the "weaker vessel." [illegible]

WHEN MARIA JANE IS MAYOR.

When Maria Jane's elected to the mayoralty chair,
There'll be many wrongs corrected that are now apparent there.
The sidewalks will be carpeted, the streets swept thrice a day.
The alleys be as fragrant as fields of new-mown hay.

What with parties and receptions and occasionally a ball,
There will be a transformation around the city hall,
And each ward in the city will be represented then
By lovely alderwomen, and not horrid aldermen.

When Maria Jane is mayor, none but ladies will, of course,
Be appointed members of the city police force,
And in their bloomer uniforms they'll look so very sweet
The gang to be arrested will consider it a treat.

The stores will be compelled to have a bargain sale each day,
And for chewing gum and soda you will not be asked to pay.
Oh, great reforms will be projected, all the wrongs will be corrected,
When Maria Jane's elected to the mayoralty chair!

—William West in Chicago Record.

DOCTORS AND SUICIDE.

Statistics Show a Peculiar Bond of Sympathy Between the Two.

During the last three years, says The Medical and Surgical Reporter of Philadelphia, nearly one-fiftieth of all deaths among physicians have been by suicide. This is a conservative estimate, as many instances of death are attributed to accidental overdosing, as the tendency is always to *hush up* a suicide whenever possible. But without including such cases, the fact remains that the medical profession is more prone to suicide than any other. These statistics may be explained by the development of morbid fancies in the mind of a doctor on account of his constant association with the sick and dying, or of an actual indifference to death, or because he has the requisite knowledge of how to die conveniently and painlessly.

Poisoning is a favorite method, but it does not appear from statistics that the cyanides or morphine have the preference which would exist if epicurean philosophy were carried into the choice of drugs. At the same time, physicians usually put their knowledge of drugs to a practical execution in selecting a poison for suicide. But if the more knowledge of the painlessness of death by certain means is not a determining factor in leading so many physicians to suicide, probably the accessibility of poisons is.

Suicide is largely a matter of insane impulse, and such an impulse can often be ascertained even in the case of those who have long been indifferent to life and have contemplated suicide. If a man must put on his hat and overcoat, walk to a drug store and tax his ingenuity for a lie with which to explain his desire for poison, he may postpone the fatal act from mere inertia, or he may meet a friend or have his interest in life aroused by one of a multitude of everyday occurrences or physical exercise may bring him to his senses. If, as is the case with almost every doctor, he has simply to feel in his pocket or walk across his office to get a deadly poison, the impulse may be carried into execution before anything can happen to supplant it in the brain.

Defining Appendicitis.

A teachers' examination was held at Seneca, Kan., at which one of the questions in physiology was as follows: "What is appendicitis, and what are its causes and cures?" Below are given a few of the answers as reported in the Seneca Tribune:

"It is a disease of the appendix, which is located somewhere between the liver and the heart, the organ of the affections."

"Ossification of the marrow of the longitudinal shaft bone."

"Appendicitis is sunstroke or overheating, caused by a great heat. The cure is to get the patient into a cool place, bathe the face and hand with water."

"*Is the disease of appendice*, caused by want of exercise, improper food, clothing and ventilation."

"Appendicitis is a condition caused by food substances lodging and causing a blockade in the digestive apparatus. It is cured by surgical operation, in which the obstruction is cut away. A theory is given that the appendix was at one time a tail on man and is not yet evolved off. It is cut away by the surgeon."

His Bread Upon the Waters.

Fifteen years ago Carrie Burch was a servant girl in a California household where William F. Hastings was also employed. The girl became ill and had to leave, but had no money. Hastings loaned her $200, and she went away. The years rolled by without the $200 being returned, and Hastings had forgotten the occurrence when he received a letter from a barrister in London stating that an estate of $73,000 had been left him by a Mrs. Hall, formerly Miss Carrie Burch of California. Hastings could hardly believe what he read, but he has the money now, and for his generosity to a strange girl years ago he has become independently rich. When the girl left California, she went to Australia as a nurse and there married a retired English merchant, who died some years afterward, and the widow then returned to London and lived there until her death.—Exchange.

A Good Reason.

The general passenger agent of one of the Chicago trunk lines received a letter from a Kansas man the other day requesting a pass for himself to Chicago and return. There was nothing about the letter to indicate that the writer had any claim whatever to the courtesy he requested, but the railway man thought that perhaps the Kansan had some connection with the road in some way, possibly as a local freight agent. So he wrote back, "Please state explicitly on what account you request transportation." By return mail came this reply, "I've got to go to Chicago some way, and I don't want to walk."—Exchange.

A Bakeshop Machine.

One of the latest appliances for use in a bakeshop oven consists of a machine which takes the whole meat and grinds it, mixes water with it and kneads it into dough ready for the oven.

Open the doors of opportunity to talent and virtue and they will do themselves justice, and property will not be in bad hands.—Emerson.

In 1620 the first large copper coins were minted in England, putting an end to private leaden tokens.

Porcelain coins were for a long time current in Siam.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

There is a time for everything; and the time to attend to a cold is when it starts. Don't wait till you have consumption but prevent it by using One Minute Cough Cure, the great remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

G. A. R. Encampment, Buffalo.

For the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Buffalo, August 23, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special tickets from all points on its system to Buffalo and return at rate of a single fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold and will be good going on August 21 to 23, and good to return not [illegible] than August [illegible] nor later than August [illegible].

VICTORIA'S REGAL RIGHT.

Why the Niece of William IV Was Called to the Throne.

Several newspapers, in explaining to their readers how Queen Victoria came to succeed William IV, say it was because she was his niece. That is the truth, but only half the truth, for William IV had nephews and other nieces. George III's first, second, third and fourth sons were respectively the Prince of Wales, afterward George IV, who died childless in 1830; Frederick, duke of York, who died in 1827, also without children; William, duke of Clarence, who died William IV, June 20, 1837, without lawful issue, and Edward, duke of Kent and Strathearn and earl of Dublin, who died Jan. 23, 1820, aged 53, leaving as the sole issue of his marriage with Princess Victoria of Leiningen a baby daughter, now Queen Victoria. The queen succeeded William IV not because she was simply his niece, but because she was the only child of the brother next to him in the order of succession.

Had Queen Victoria had a brother she would in all probability not have been a personage of historical celebrity, save in the contingency of succeeding him. Her rights were those that devolved on her from her father. At the time she succeeded to the throne her uncles—the Dukes of Cumberland, of Sussex and Cambridge—were living, younger brothers of her father and junior to him in the line of succession in the order named. The Duke of Cumberland, who became king of Hanover on the death of William IV, was a man of such despotic temper and principles that all England cherished the Princess Victoria as standing between it and his succession to the throne. He had lawful issue, as had the Duke of Cambridge.

The Duke of Sussex, a most estimable man, married twice, but these unions being repugnant to the provisions of the royal marriage act, his children were barred from the line of succession. From the revolution of 1688 rose the Jacobite party, made up of those who supported the cause of James II, his sons and descendants. The picturesque modern Jacobites do not recognize Queen Victoria, despite the fact that her succession is due to her Stuart blood, for she is a direct descendant of Elizabeth, daughter of James I, to whose heirs the title to the throne devolved by the act of settlement on the death of Anne.—Boston Transcript.

Deafness In School Children.

The fact that myopia is frequent among school children is well known. It is not so well known that impaired hearing is also frequently met with. The children thus affected are often accused of being lazy and inattentive, when in reality their ears are at fault. Helot shows that these cases are quite common, are easily recognized, are generally curable and when cured a large number of children are transformed, so to speak, both from a physical and a moral standpoint. According to Weil of Stuttgart, the proportion of school children with impaired hearing is 35 per cent; according to Moure of Bordeaux, 17 per cent. Helot agrees with Gete and other aurists that the proportion is 25 per cent, or one-fourth. All the children in a class should be carefully examined, and these semideaf pupils will always be found among the poor scholars. The cause of infirmity is to be sought for—nasopharyngeal catarrh following measles, scarlatina, whooping cough, adenoid vegetations, hypertrophied tonsils, etc.—and normal conditions are to be restored by appropriate treatment.—Popular Science News.

Humbert's Generosity.

King Humbert's generosity in charitable works is said to be fabulous. A petition hardly ever remains without an answer. His majesty spontaneously gives presents to those persons to whom he does not wish to grant subsidies. These presents are generally of two kinds—a golden clock with the royal arms or a brooch set in diamonds. His jeweler supplies him each year with 500 clocks and 1,000 brooches. King Humbert never goes to the theater save on the occasion of an official solemnity. He says that he finds no pleasure in artificial life.

"I play a part every day," he says, "in the political and official comedy. What can the other comedians teach me?"—Rome Letter.

Origin of a Name.

The origin of the name Fife is not known. One historian tries to show that it comes from the Celtic word veach, a Pict, and means that the district was inhabited by Picts, but that is obviously absurd, as Fife was not specially the home of any of the Pictish nations. The tradition that finds greatest favor is related by a monk, who states that the first known possessor of the district which has since grown into the kingdom of Fife was one Fifus Duffus, a famous chieftain whose date is lost in the mists of antiquity.

The Queen's Messengers.

The four queen's messengers always travel incognito. They wear their badges of office out of sight, suspended round their necks, and are always most reluctant to display them to emphasize their authority and the importance of their mission. The badge is a small, exquisitely modeled silver greyhound.—London Standard.

Tonics.

Willie—Pa, what's a tonic?

Pa—It's something you take to brace you up.

Willie—Well, what's teutonic—something to brace you too much?—Harper's Bazar.

Her Sweet Charity.

When a man is so mean and cranky that nobody wants to have anything to do with him, his wife always says he has a peculiar disposition.—New York Press.

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Berlin pays a salary to a professional bird catcher, who keeps scientific and educational institutions supplied with birds, birds' nests and eggs, and he is the only man in the empire permitted to do so.

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The Story of the Lame Horse and the Young Doctors.

"One reads so many stories of [illegible] animal intelligence that it would be [illegible] one for a doubter to express his disbelief in almost any gathering of men at the present day," remarked Dr. [illegible] Watkins. "A little [illegible] within my own observation a number of years ago when I was studying medicine and which convinced me that the members of the horse family at least ought to be credited with the possession of a very considerable quantity of reasoning power. It was the custom for the students at the medical institution at which I pursued my studies to wear a small badge upon their coats to distinguish them from others at the college. A horse belonging to the establishment was used a great deal about the medical department, and the animal seemed to have a special preference for the embryo doctors more than for any other people about the establishment.

"One day, while a number of us were gathered in a little knot upon a small campus in the rear of the college, the animal in question, which used to nip the grass in the location, came toward the group limping very badly. He came to a stop a dozen or more feet from the crowd, and, carefully surveying the lot of us, finally made up his mind as to what he wanted to do and without any hesitation limped directly to my side, whinnied, stuck his nose against my body and held up his left foreleg. Looking down, I discovered a large nail imbedded in the frog of his hoof. This had evidently caused the lameness. I then realized the interesting fact that the animal desired attendance. I extracted the nail with some difficulty, and the horse whimpered with relief and walked away. Rather curious as to why the beast had picked me out to attend to his wound, I glanced at the boys and found the solution to the problem. Not one of the group had his medical badge upon his coat but myself. The horse had recognized the insignia, realized its significance and acted accordingly."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

AFRAID OF THE HOODOO.

Why the Street Car Conductor Would Not Cut the Pageant In Twain.

A hearse crossed the track and the motoneer put on the brakes so suddenly that the car nearly stood on its nose. Then he sat down on the front seat to await the passing of the long string of carriages following the black draped vehicle.

A fat man who had nearly been thrown over the front rail by the sudden stopping of the car snorted angrily:

"Why don't you cut across? I've got to catch a train. I can't wait here all day."

"Can't help it, boss. You'll have to wait and catch another train."

"Well, I'll report you to the company. That procession will take five minutes in passing us."

"Report away. I can't help it if the procession takes 20 minutes. You couldn't hire me to run this car across that funeral procession for the best job on the line. That's the worst hoodoo a man could run up against."

"Bah!" said the fat man.

"All right, boss. I know what I'm talking about. One of the best men on this line crossed a funeral procession soon after the trolley system was put in. A live wire dropped on the back of his neck and electrocuted him before he'd gone a block. A little while later another poor fellow cut across back of a hearse. He ran over three children in as many weeks. He quit the road as crazy as a loon. Now the conductor on that same car has lost every cent he had in the world, and his wife and child have died. Bah, yourself! I'd like to see you get off this car and walk across in front of one of those carriages. I'll bet you'd be catchin your last train in this world pretty quick. Just hop off and try it now."

But the fat man only shifted uneasily about on the hard car seat and waited silently until the last carriage had passed.—New York Telegram.

How Bees Embalm.

Bees, says Herbis, can embalm as successfully as could the ancient Egyptians. It often happens in damp weather that a slug or snail will enter a beehive. This is, of course, to the unprotected slug a case of sudden death. The bees fall upon him and sting him to death at once. But, what to do with the carcass becomes a vital question. If left where it is, it will breed a regular pestilence. Now comes in the cleverness of the insects. They set to work and cover it with wax, and there you may see it lying embalmed just as the nations of old embalmed their dead. When it is a snail that is the intruder, he is, of course, impenetrable to their sting, so they calmly cement his shell with wax to the bottom of the hive—imprisonment for life, with no hope of pardon.

Both Wrong.

The Toronto Saturday Night tells of a man who kept a ferret being obliged to go into the country, leaving the cage with the ferret in charge of a neighbor till he should return.

The neighbor incautiously opened the cage door, and the ferret escaped, whereupon the owner brought a claim against him for damages.

The following was the decision of the learned magistrate before whom the case was brought.

"No doubt," he said to the neighbor—"no doubt you were wrong to open the cage door, but"—turning to the owner, "you were wrong too. Why did you not clip the brute's wings?"

The Franks took their name from the franciques, or battleaxes, which they threw with deadly effect.

Age is a matter of feeling, not of years.—George William Curtis.

Is Life Worth Living?

If there is an individual on earth who is excusable for thus interrogating himself, it is the unhappy mortal who suffers from malaria in some one of its diabolical forms. This is no difficult conundrum, however. Life is worth living by any man or woman who enjoys good health, and is not harrassed by a reproachful conscience. The malarial scourge, heavily laid on, is a terrible one for the poor sufferer to endure. A series of freezings, scorchings and sweats—the last leaving one as limp and as strengthless as a dish rag, are hard indeed, recurring as they do with fiendish regularity. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the world-wide known preventative and curative of this class of maladies, either in the form of ague and fever, bilious remittent, dumb ague and ague cake. Used with persistence they will rely upon it, eradicate disease from the system. They also conquer rheumatism, kidney and bladder complaints, nervousness, dyspepsia, liver complaints and constipation, and renew failing strength.

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Mysterious Glass Balls.

The small island of Billiton, between Sumatra and Borneo, has long been famous for its rich tin mines, which are controlled by the Dutch government. In describing the geology of Billiton before the Royal Academy of Sciences in Amsterdam recently Mr. Verbeek gave an account of the mysterious "glass balls of Billiton," which are found among some of the tin ore deposits. They are round, with grooved surfaces. Similar balls are occasionally found in Borneo and Java, as well as in Australia. Mr. Verbeek thinks they cannot be artificial, and there are no volcanoes near enough to support the theory that they are volcanic bombs. Besides, he says, the glassy rocks produced by the nearest volcanoes are quite different in their nature from the material of the balls. He suspected that the mysterious objects were ejected ages ago from the volcanoes of the moon and afterward fell upon the earth.

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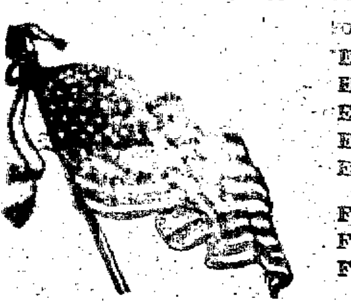

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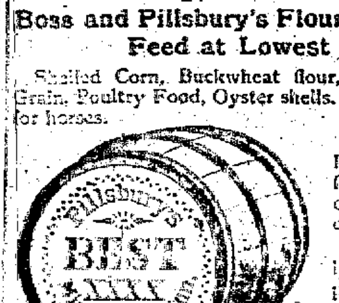

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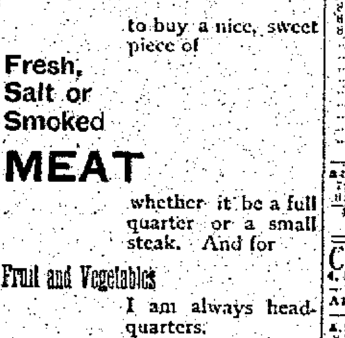

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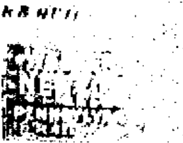

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[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible] Wilkesbarre, [illegible] Harrisburg and [illegible] at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m. Pullman [illegible] Williamsport to Baltimore [illegible]

3 25 p. m.—Train [illegible], weekdays [illegible] and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. [illegible] passengers can remain in sleeper until 7:30 a. m.

9:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] weekdays [illegible] a. m., Sundays [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger cars from Erie to [illegible] Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for [illegible] DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily, for [illegible] intermediate stations.
[illegible] p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for [illegible] intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM [illegible] FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York [illegible], Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington [illegible], Baltimore 8:25 p. m., arriving at Emporium 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3 leaves New York [illegible], Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington [illegible], Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily, arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] a. m., with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport. On Sundays only, Pullman sleeping car Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia [illegible], Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre [illegible] a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p. m., with Pullman parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
Weekdays.

NORTH	STATIONS.	
A. M. Lv.		Ar. P. M.
9.55	Ridgway	[illegible]
10.08	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10.16	Bendigo	[illegible]
10.23	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10.32	Straight	[illegible]
10.38	Instanter	[illegible]
10.42	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10.48	Wendale	[illegible]
10.55	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		

Connections are made with trains at Johnsonburg at 11:[illegible] a. m. for [illegible] intermediate points, arriving at [illegible], and at Ridgway with trains [illegible] at 12:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.
[illegible] Gen'l Pass'r Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway
THE SHORT LINE

On and after June [illegible], passenger trains Between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett, daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST-BOUND.

6.50 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express for Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.
12.30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, [illegible]ville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, [illegible] Rochester.
3.45 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily, For [illegible]stone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

7.45 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.
1.41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or
L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford,
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agt.
Rochester.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.
TIME TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June [illegible]

[illegible]

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, [illegible] 4, 1895.

AR.	EASTW'D.		STATIONS.	WESTW'D.
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.
8.30	7.50	2.10	Ulysses	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.56	Carpenter's	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.16	1.53	Perkins	[illegible]
8.20	7.13	1.50	R. & S. Junc'n	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.10	1.45	Newfield [illegible]	[illegible]
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	[illegible]
7.52	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	[illegible]
7.15	6.50	1.24	Seven Bridges	[illegible]
7.10	6.46	1.20	Frink's	[illegible]
7.00	6.40	1.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.30	1.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
4.15	7.07	12.57	Coudersport	[illegible]
3.40	[illegible]	12.51	Hammond	[illegible]
3.35	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	[illegible]
3.31	7.48	12.41	Mina	[illegible]
3.25	[illegible]	12.33	Knowlton	[illegible]
3.21	7.36	12.25	Roulette	[illegible]
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	[illegible]
3.05	[illegible]	12.17	Coleman	[illegible]
2.45	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't.	Arrive

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, [illegible]

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry
Time Table taking Effect May [illegible]

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for [illegible], Stimpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with [illegible] Ry. for Foxburg, [illegible] burg.
10:50 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Junction, Simpson, [illegible] Jewett and Kane.
5:05 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, [illegible] Simpson, Bradford, Mt. [illegible] and Kane connecting with P. & E. train 4 for [illegible] and [illegible] Harrisburg, Baltimore, [illegible] and Philadelphia [illegible] with Erie R. R. [illegible] Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., [illegible]
JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pass. Agt.
Bradford.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.
To take effect at 7 o'clock a. m., Sunday, June 17, 1896.

[illegible]

NOTICE.

To Contractors [illegible] complete [illegible] Will furnish [illegible] specifications on application.
[illegible], Contractor,
Smethport, Pa.